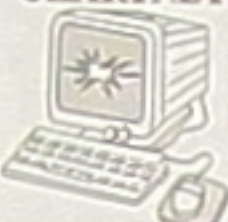


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AMERICANS WITH DISABILITIES ACT

Student's plight increases concern

By J.L. GRIFFIN
EXECUTIVE EDITOR

When anyone on campus needs immediate medical attention, an ambulance, fire truck, and police car race to the scene to join campus security. This scenario doesn't occur often at Missouri Southern, but it happened Feb. 5 when Luann Jackson passed out after walking farther than her body could handle.

Jackson, a senior art major, has a history of neurological disorders and brain trauma, which has left her body weakened. A short walk can be exhaustive for Jackson, who uses a walker and a pack dog to help her cope.

Jackson couldn't find a handicapped parking space close to Taylor Hall and was forced to park at a spot more than 100 yards from the building.

"Last semester I didn't have problems," she said, "but this semester I have had problems finding a spot."

Bob Beeler, physical plant director, said campus security tries to make sure all disabled students know to park in faculty and staff lots if there are no handicapped spots available. Jackson was unaware of the College's contingency plan, she said. She spent a few hours at a local hospital and has since returned to her classes.

Jackson said the handicap parking spots were minimal.

Bill Boyer, chief of security, said the number of spots meets ADA requirements. He placed the number of campus-wide handicap spots at around 50. Boyer said security officers are quick to punish handicap spot abusers. Another group who shows no mercy for able-bodied people who park illegally in handicap spots is the parking appeals board.

Val Carlisle, coordinator of student activities, is on the board and said that situation is a pet peeve of hers.

"We have never granted an appeal for someone who parked erroneously in a handicap spot," she said. This includes students who appeal tickets for parking in rarely used spots at the stadium. Carlisle said the board and Beeler are trying to figure out a way to alleviate the problem.

Jackson said there may be other problems the College should take care of first.

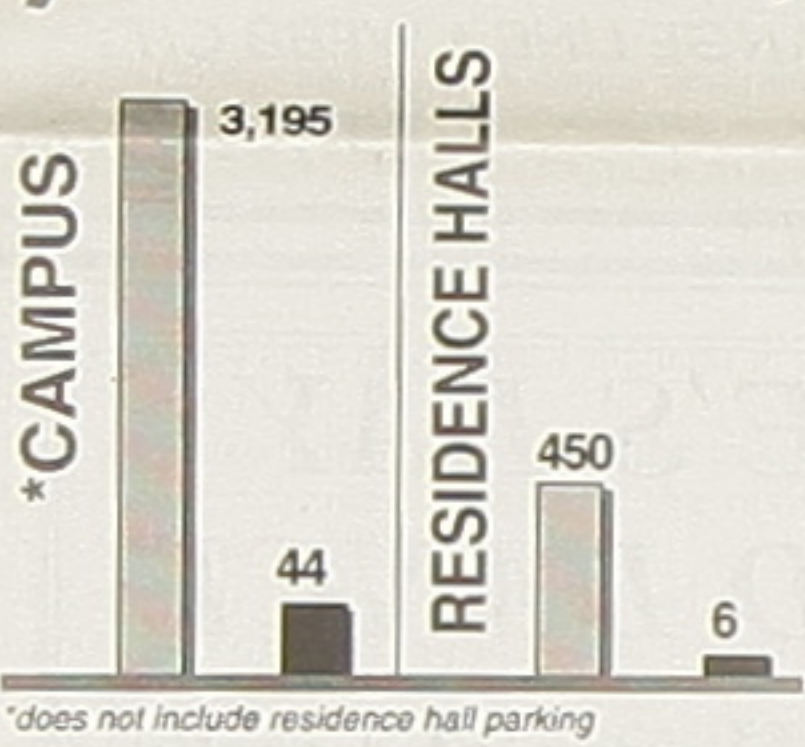
"Doors are hard to open, and those buttons don't work most of the time," she said.

Since the Americans with Disabilities Act went into effect in 1990, public places have been working to bring their facilities into compliance.

Handicap Parking

■ About 1.3 percent of the College's parking spots are designated for the handicapped.

■ Parking Spots ■ Handicap Spots



RYAN BRONSON/The Chart

Missouri Southern is no different, but all the ADA requirements have not been made yet.

"We're well over halfway finished," Beeler said. "We've completed the update of eight elevators to bring them up to compliance."

Beeler said ADA modifications started about two years ago with 170 projects needing to be done. "The big-dollar stuff is out of the way," he said.

However, some modifications the College has made are already in disrepair. Accessibility buttons for doors are broken at Webster Hall, making it impossible for the doors to swing open on their own. Beeler said the College has to install bigger buttons on the doors and is just waiting on the parts.

Becoming aware of failing equipment is another problem the College is having, said Dr. John Tiede, senior vice president.

"I'm sure we have some sort of preventive maintenance schedule," Tiede said, "but we try to have custodians report any problems."

When the College began its ADA modifications, Beeler said disabled students were asked for input and proved helpful. □

STUDENT LIFE BEAT

Valentine Tips for the Loved... and the Lonely



Couple finds true love in writing

By STEPHANIE GOAD
ASSOCIATE EDITOR

It was a dream come true, the type of romance people read about only in books.

Luydmila (Lucy) Works and her husband, Jerry, became acquainted through correspondence — she in Russia and he in Missouri.

After more than two years of mail courtship, Jerry Works flew to Nizhny Novgorod, Russia, made the engagement official, and brought his future bride back to Stockton, Mo.

Lucy Works, a 29-year-old freshman nursing student at Missouri Southern, said the fall of communism allowed for great communication with the outside world. She put her name in Scana International, a match-making service through which the couple met.

"They sent me a catalog with names, addresses, and pictures," Works said. "I chose several of them and started to write."

Works said she corresponded with two men from the United States and one from Germany.

"I got letters from Jerry often; that made our friendship more tied."

Jerry Works first proposed marriage in a letter she received a few days after he returned from his first visit to Russia.

"He called and told me that I would be getting a very important letter," she said. "When I opened it, he had asked me to marry him."

Works said she was surprised, "but my mom was shocked."

"Then, he came over a second time to start the paperwork," she said.

"We wanted to get married in America, so it took three weeks to get all of the paperwork done."

Before the couple's trip to Missouri, Jerry Works, on bended knee, presented her with an engagement ring and treated her family to dinner. The wedding took place on Oct. 21, 1995, at the Assembly of God Church in Stockton. The couple resided in Stockton for nearly two years before recently relocating to Joplin.

Her husband works as a driver for a Springfield trucking company, and because his job keeps him



Photo courtesy of Luydmila Works
Jerry and Luydmila Works

away from home during the week, she wanted to find a profession to help keep her occupied.

"I spent three years in a university

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Student LifeBeat



These special feature stories are designed specifically for you—the student. If you have story suggestions please call 625-9311.

Holiday not for faint of heart

By SCOTT FRANCIS
STAFF WRITER

What? It's Valentine's Day already?! Oh man, I hope there's some decent-looking roses left. Well, at \$25 a dozen, maybe some chocolate would be more appropriate. Now all I need is a date.

These comments were typical, at least of males, when Southern students were asked about their plans for Valentine's Day. Women, however, tended to display slightly more foresight concerning the upcoming holiday.

"I may have to go to JC Penney's and pick up a mannequin, but I'm going out Friday," said Steve Wilkins, junior management major.

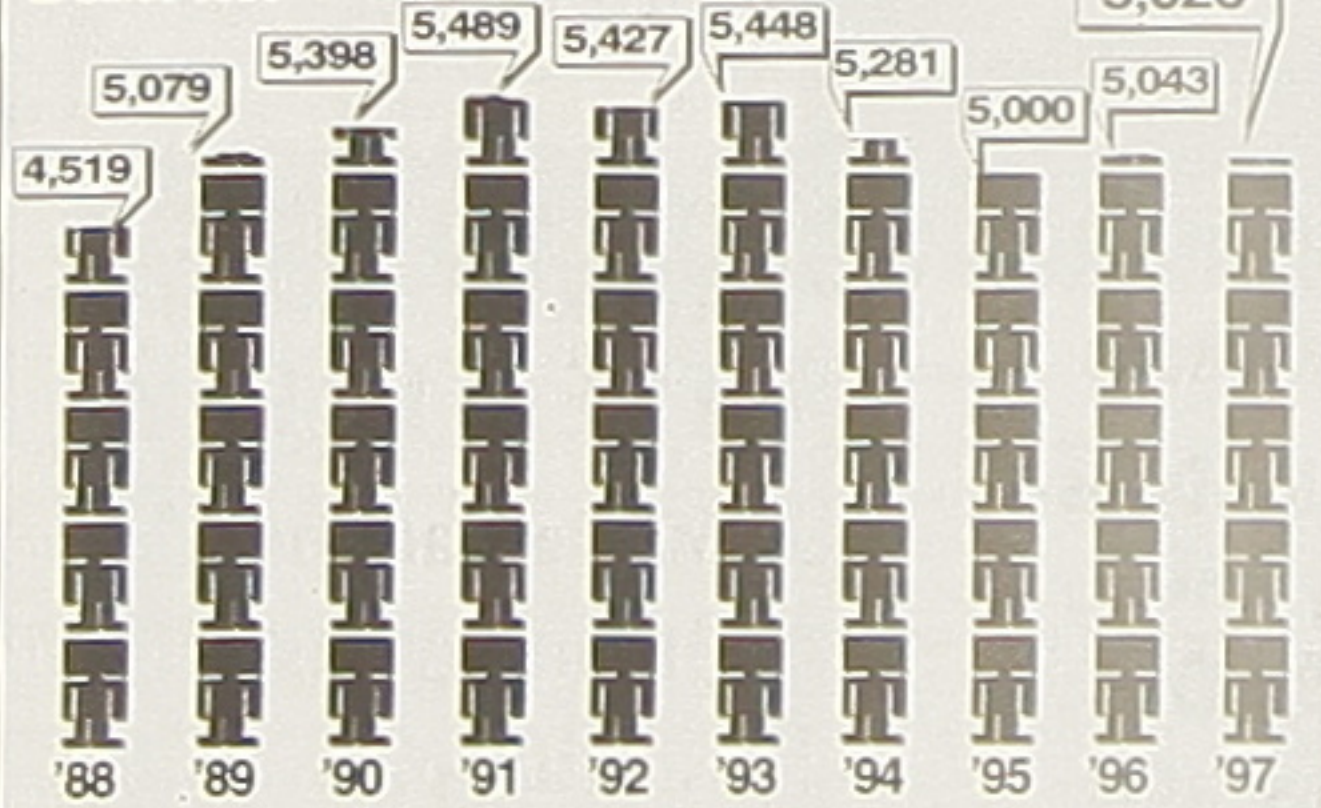
Going out is nice, but not necessarily the only option on Valentine's Day, said Maranatha Covert, sophomore nursing major.

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ADMISSIONS

Southern's Spring Enrollment

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Enrollment drops 17 from last spring's count

Credit hour numbers rise despite decline in students

By RICK ROGERS
EDITOR-IN-CHIEF

Spring enrollment at Missouri Southern is down by 17 students from the 1996 count with 5,026 students registered in classes, according to the official numbers released by the College Tuesday.

This year's enrollment represents a minimal decrease from last spring's count of 5,043 full-time and part-time students.

Even though the head count is down, the number of total credit hours has risen by 263,

from 56,993 in 1996 to the present 57,256.

Dr. Delores Honey, director of assessment and institutional research, said with the decline in enrollment and the increase in total credit hours it seems students are taking more hours per semester.

"It may be that people are trying to finish up," she said. "It may be that some courses are available at more appropriate times, or just a better time for their schedules. We have a lot of people that are taking more credit hours who may have stopped for a while and are coming back to school."

Enrollment of part-time students decreased by 43 from last spring's total of 1,698.

"We have a lot of 'stopouts,' meaning people who stop and then come back and graduate

over a period of time," Honey said. "Not every student stays continuously enrolled throughout their entire college career."

Enrollment of full-time students increased by 26 from last spring's total of 3,302.

Southern's fall 1996 enrollment of 5,258 represented a 3.7 percent decrease from the 1995 count of 5,461.

Honey said applications for fall 1997 enrollment seem to be on the rise, according to reports released by the admissions office.

Clay Deem, admissions counselor, said there are no firm numbers to report, but all indications seem to be heading in a positive direction. "We are waiting to see what that does before we send a report across campus," Deem said. □

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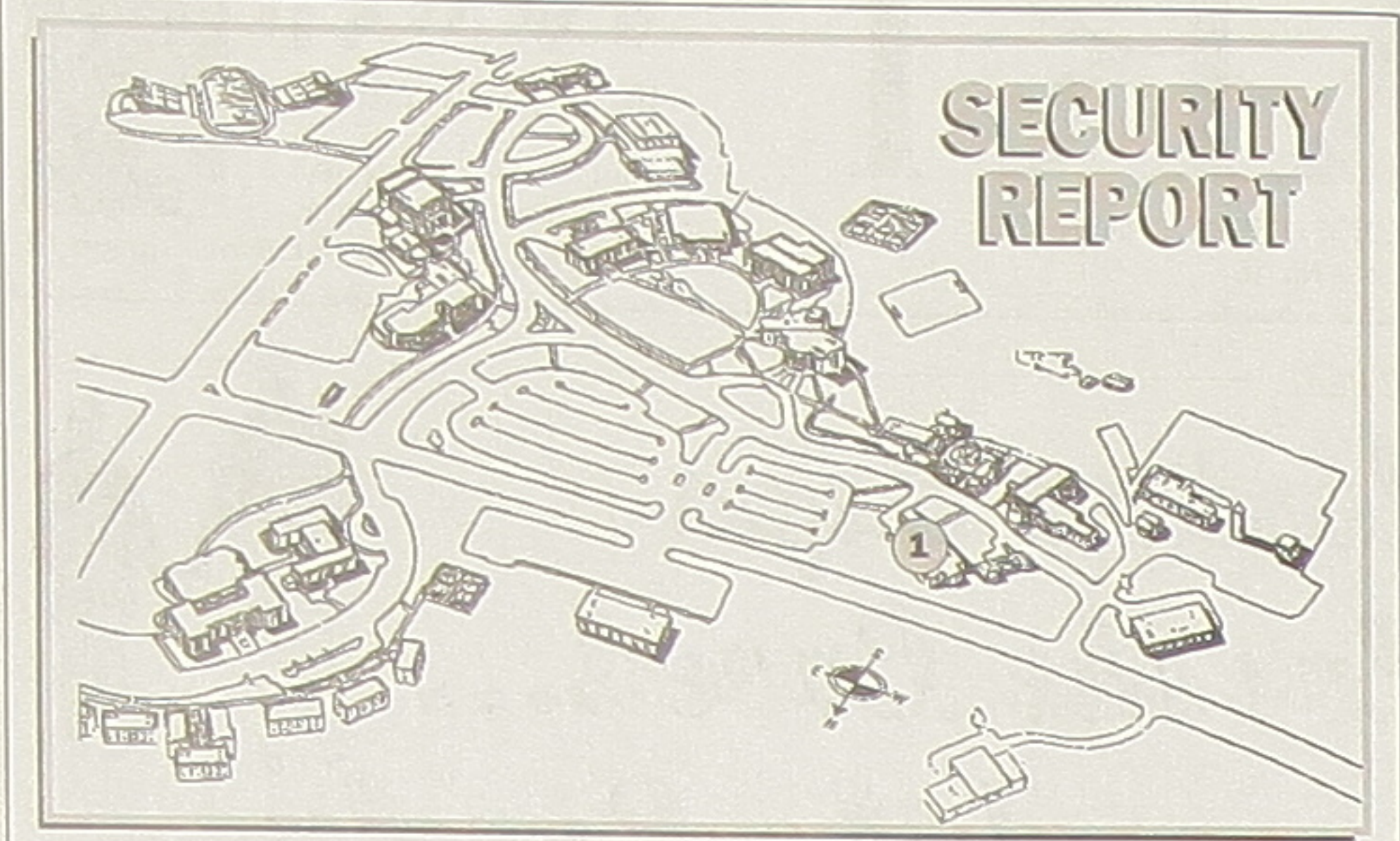
Southern's annual
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food, song, and comedy
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SPORTS:

After leading by 15 points early in the first half, the Missouri Southern Lions lost their third consecutive game after a 77-73 loss to Missouri Western Wednesday at Young Gymnasium.....page 10





1 02/11/97 Kuhn Hall 11:40 a.m. College security officer Craig Richardson was dispatched to lead the Joplin Fire Department and JEMS to Kuhn Hall Health Center in reference to an ill student. The patient, Angela R. Larey, junior psychology major, said she was two months pregnant and was having a sharp pain on the left side of her back and numbness in her left leg.

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Intramural Women's Soccer Program

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ASSESSMENT

Senior testing Feb. 19

Exam helps students rank themselves among other seniors

By DEBORAH SOLOMON
MANAGING EDITOR

Once again Senior Assessment Day is creeping up on the Missouri Southern calendar. Although Wednesday, Feb. 19 will offer a break from class for most students, approximately 750 seniors anticipating graduation in May, July, or December 1997 will take the American College Testing College Outcome Measures Program (ACT COMP). The test is required by Southern's Board of Regents and the state for potential graduates. "We are a public institution," said Dr. Delores Honey, director of assessment and institutional research. "Even though you pay tuition to this institution, the tuition that someone pays only covers about a fourth of the cost. The rest is picked up by the state.

Those people from the state want to know what they get for their investment so we have to tell them what kind of students we are turning out, our product." The assessment of the core curriculum at Southern helps students judge how they rank among the College's seniors and seniors statewide. The College also examines how well the core curriculum prepares students for life after college. One thing different this year is the inclusion of two new tests, the Assessment of Reasoning and Communicating (ARC) and the Academic Profiles, objective tests on general education skills. "We are piloting those because through a two-year course study of our core curriculum using the results of the ACT COMP, we determined with faculty groups that we ought to be looking not at what we teach," Honey said. "We are fairly satisfied with the area that we covered in the core curriculum areas, but we should look at how we teach. We felt we should focus on that process of teaching since we are a teaching institution. "Critical thinking was an area

that a consensus of the group thought that we all needed to be more aware of how we teach students to think critically and what kind of assignments we give that would challenge them to think critically." In addition to critical thinking, the faculty group wanted to examine a possibility to improve how students do in communications. Honey said many prospective employers of students believe communication is an important skill they look for and is a key for promotions. Select groups of students will take either the ARC or the Academic Profiles, Honey said. The majority of the students will take the ACT COMP. Breakfast is provided for the 8:45 a.m. session and lunch for the 12:45 p.m. session by AmeriServe in Webster Hall and Matthews Hall. Regular classes are canceled for the day, but evening classes will meet. An evening session on Feb. 27 is for students who take only night classes or are unable to attend the Wednesday session. □

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CBHE

Governor's cash plan tops talks

Budget in hands of legislators

By TAMMY SPICER
ASSOCIATE EDITOR

Representatives of public and independent colleges from across the state gathered in Jefferson City Feb. 6 for a meeting of the Coordinating Board for Higher Education.

"The CBHE agenda dealt with more than anything a planning process," said College President Julio Leon, who represented Missouri Southern at the meeting.

One of the items discussed at the meeting was a comparison of the budget appropriations request from the CBHE and the governor's recommendation.

"Basically, we visited with the presidents and boards about the governor's budget recommendations and went through each of the pieces of the blueprint and the governor's support of the major items," said Dr. Kala Stroup, CBHE commissioner.

The budget is still being discussed in the House appropriations committee for education and public safety.

No concrete plans for more capital improvement money have been put forward by the legislature, according to Leon.

"The Coordinating Board at this point is just watching the process," Leon said. "I believe there is still some hope that during the appropriations process there might be an opportunity for colleges to gain some capital improvements money."

The governor's Challenge Scholarship program was also on the agenda last week.

The program strives to provide a \$1,500 tax credit to students for the first two years of college after high school.

President Clinton highlighted a similar program in his State of the Union address last week.

"The governor has said he would work to make the Challenge Scholarship good for the 15th and 16th years if the president's plan goes through," Leon explained.

"Today, receiving a high school diploma is not enough."

The Board also looked ahead with the mission enhancement programs by setting the review process for fiscal years 1999 and 2000.

The University of Missouri system and Lincoln University will be the next institutions up for review, according to Stroup.

A task force called critical choices will be presenting an update on the 24 goals that were established in 1992, Stroup said.

The goals include increasing the retention and graduation rate and the quality of graduates in Missouri. □

FOUR SEASONS

With dome addition, sports complex lives up to name

Several sports can utilize new all-weather facility

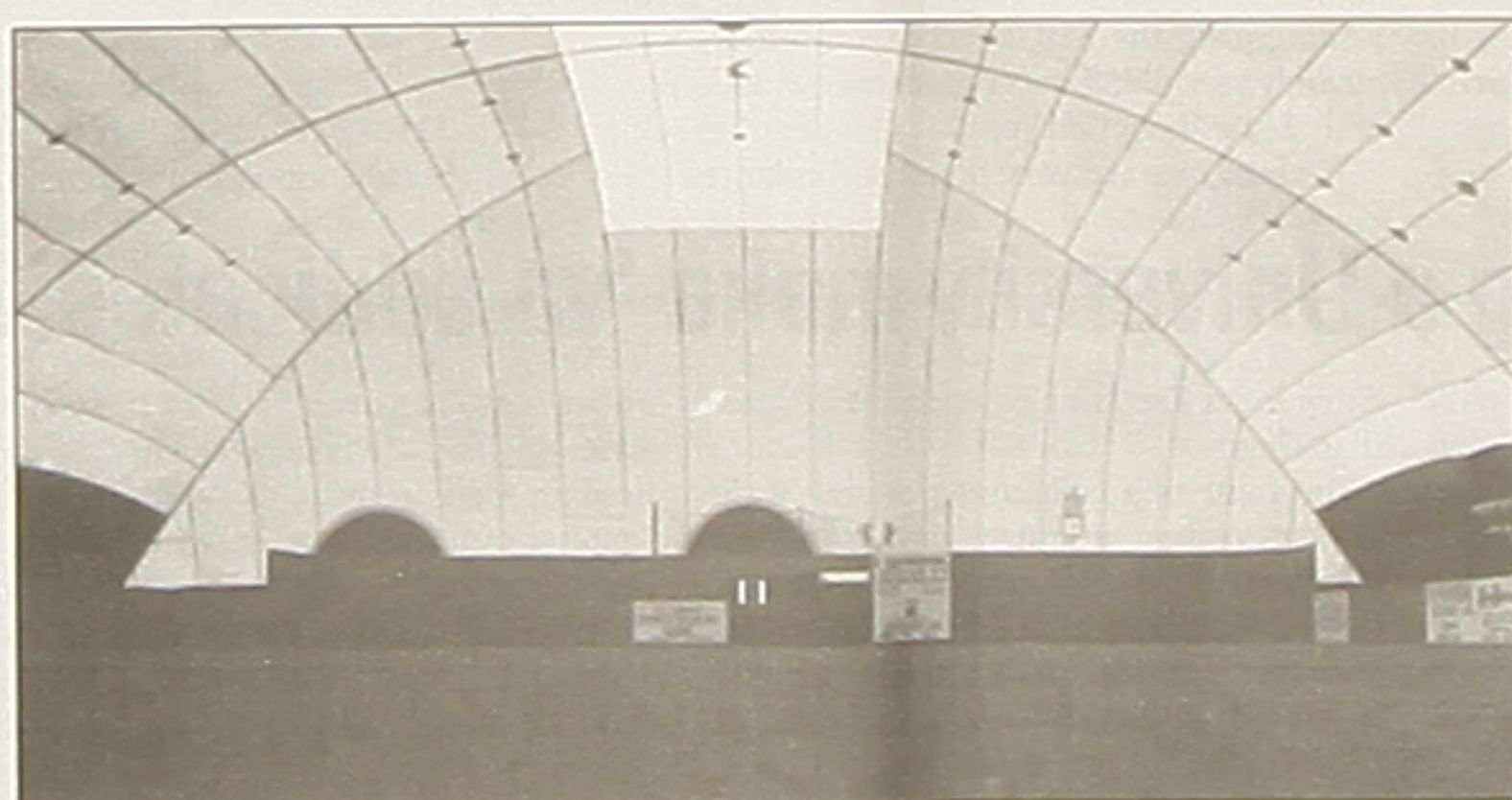
By NICK PARKER
ASSOCIATE EDITOR

After two years of planning, Rick Prigg's vision of building a state-of-the-art sports complex has come to life.

Four Seasons, which has served the four-state area for 13 years, opened its new sports dome Feb. 2. The dome, built by Tensar Industries of Akron, N.Y., currently serves as a venue for basketball and soccer leagues only, but according to Prigg, owner and operator of Four Seasons, other leagues are waiting to be added.

Prigg said he and his staff have fielded several requests for volleyball leagues. He said the complex plans to field volleyball but has had problems finding time amongst the basketball and soccer programs. Along with volleyball, tennis and 16-inch softball leagues will be added in the future.

"We have 65 teams in the soccer and basketball leagues right now," Prigg said. "Only five to seven of those are youth teams. Right now, we're waiting to add volleyball. We are just looking where to plug it in. When this session is



JOHN SMITH/The Chart

The new dome at Four Seasons Sports Complex has more than just the owner excited.

over at the end of March we will open other things up. Right now, it looks like volleyball will be on Fridays from 10 p.m. to midnight."

Prigg said he got the idea for the dome two years ago while searching for the best way to add an indoor basketball court to his complex. Basketball was something he had wanted to add since he opened Four Seasons in 1984.

"When we first opened up 13 years ago all we

had were two [softball] fields and a small concession stand," Prigg said. "My partner and I pooled whatever extra money we made to add to the place. Now, we've got the dome and will have new batting cages next month."

Prigg said he looked at several different ideas to house his basketball court before a friend suggested an air dome. Another friend in Overland Park, Kan., who also runs a sports

complex, showed off a couple of domes in Johnson County, Kan.

He said the dome has helped to meet a demand not only in the Joplin area but in the four-state region.

"We don't really offer anything different from other places," Prigg said. "We do offer a unique facility, however. Other places will tell you there is a demand out there. We won't detract business from other places. A lot of the teams that come here are traveling teams for our leagues. The feedback so far has been great."

When speaking of future additions to his complex, Prigg again begins to dream.

He said he won't do anything new for at least two more years — but he does have plans.

"People are used to coming in here and seeing something new every year, and we were able to do that because we paid for everything we added outright. But now with the dome, we are under an obligation," Prigg said. "We hope to get a convenience store and maybe another dome."

"Long-term we are looking to maybe get a hotel in the area for teams that travel in for the tournaments. And maybe even mini-golf. This isn't a bad location at all. We have 30 acres, and we hope to make it 30 acres of amusement." □

QUEEN OF THE JUNGLE



DEBORAH SOLOMON/The Chart

Wednesday night's basketball contest saw Missouri Southern lose to Missouri Western, but Christy Russell was a winner as Southern's "Fan of the Game." Besides being pampered by the Lion mascots all night, Russell received lots of free stuff.

STUDENT SENATE

Body doles out \$2,626 from coffers

By MICHELLE CONTY
ASSISTANT ARTS ETC. EDITOR

Student Senate distributed \$2,626.75 to three organizations to attend conferences — two in Kansas City and one in St. Louis.

The Physical Education Majors Club (PEM) and College Republicans each received \$1,000 from the Senate at Wednesday night's meeting.

PEM requested \$1,800 to attend the American Alliance of Health Physical Education Recreation and Dance (AAHPERD) convention in St. Louis March 20-24. Eden Dowler, PEM president and a junior secondary education major, represented the group.

Money is needed for 10 members to attend the convention, Dowler said.

"I know \$1,000 is the limit," she said. "If we don't get the full \$1,800, we will have a very hard time getting the money for all of our members to get to go."

Despite an amendment being made to overrule the maximum allocation, the club did not receive the \$1,800. A two-thirds vote was needed to suspend the Senate rules concerning the maximum allocation of money.

The College Republicans also requested more than the maximum amount. The group wanted \$1,500 to attend Lincoln Days Feb. 21-23 in Kansas City.

Lincoln Days is a statewide Republican convention that includes individuals on local, state, and federal levels. Kim Jones, president of College Republicans, represented the club. Fifteen members plan to attend the convention.

Although an amendment to overrule the maximum allocation of funds was made, it failed to get the two-thirds vote.

The Council for Exceptional Children (CEC) requested \$626.75 to attend the Council for Exceptional Children conference Feb. 28 through March 1 in Kansas City. Angela Forquer, junior elementary education major, represented CEC.

The purpose of the conference is for the club members to learn more about caring for children needing special education. The group will hold a fund-raising raffle in the spring, Forquer said.

Seven members are to attend the conference. CEC was granted its request.

Due to classes being dismissed for Senior Assessment Day Wednesday, the Senate will not be meeting next week. □

Student Senate FINANCES

CURRENT BALANCE:

\$4,744.25

FEB. 5 REQUEST

■ PEM —

Request: \$1,800

Received: \$1,000

■ College Republicans —

Request: \$1,500

Received: \$1,000

■ CEC —

Request: \$626.75

Received: \$626.75

Missouri Southern's Student Senate allows clubs and organizations made up of students to request up to \$1,000 to pay for group expenses.

J.L. GRIFFIN/The Chart

SOUTHERN NEWS BRIEFS

'Outstanding' instructor will give keynote speech

To do something right, learn from the best. Hundreds of students interested in teaching as a career will hear from one of the best teachers in the state.

Cadet Teacher Day at Missouri Southern is Friday, Feb. 21, and Marj Ball will be the featured speaker.

The event is sponsored by the department of teacher education at Southern and is designed for area high school juniors and seniors interested in teaching as a career. During the day students hear presentations about teaching as a career, enjoy a buffet luncheon with Southern faculty and students, tour College facilities, and visit a student organization fair.

The program begins at 9:30 a.m. in the Billingsly Student Center. Dr. Doreen Vieitez, assistant professor of education, and Dr. Michael Banks, associate professor of education, are co-coordinators of the day.

Ball, a "Star Teacher" selected by the Missouri Center for Outstanding Schools at Southwest Missouri State University, will provide the keynote address at 10 a.m. in the BSC. She will speak to students about teaching as a career.

As a "Star Teacher," Ball leads seminars, provides demonstrations, and shares teaching strategies. Ball is one of 36 master teachers selected by the center.

Nancy Hooper, a Missouri State Teachers Association cadet consultant, will address the session at 1:30 p.m. in the BSC on "Cadet Teaching for Credit."

High school juniors and seniors in Barry, Barton, Bates, Dade, Jasper, Lawrence, McDonald, Newton, and Vernon counties have been invited to the event.

For more information, persons may call (417) 625-9309. □

Commencement plans swing into full gear

Early preparations for the May commencement ceremony at Missouri Southern, May 17, are under way.

Caps and gowns will be ordered before the end of February in order to assure delivery in time for commencement. Measurements for the caps and gowns are taken at the time the student applies for graduation. May graduates were to apply by Oct. 25 and July graduates had until Jan. 25 to complete their applications.

Southern has an annual commencement ceremony in May with December graduates as well as May and July candidates for graduation participating.

Orders for graduation announcements will be taken Feb. 27-28 in the Billingsly Student Center. □

Club's display honors black American history

Last semester, the Social Science Club requested and received funding for a trip to Memphis.

While there, members of the group were able to tour the National Civil Rights Museum and a recently acquired site known as the Burkle House.

In appreciation for this opportunity, the Social Science Club with members of Phi Alpha Theta have created a Black History display for the enjoyment and education of the students at Southern.

The display features many well-known black Americans, as well as a few lesser-known but just as important black Americans.

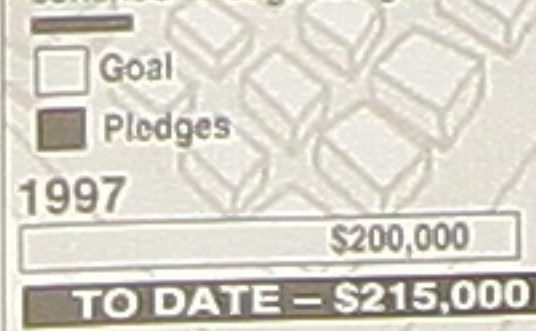
The two groups welcome everyone to join them in acknowledging February as Black History Month by visiting the display on the north side of Webster Hall's second floor.

The display contains pictures and brief biographies of 29 different black historical figures.

Also included in the display are mementoes from the group's trip. □

Phon-A-Thon

■ This year's fund-raiser has been successful so far and will continue through tonight.



RYAN BRONSON/The Chart

Annual fund-raiser surpasses \$200,000 goal

By GINNY DUMOND
CAMPUS EDITOR

Records are breaking with every new pledge taken at the Alumni House as the 15th annual Phon-A-Thon has achieved its goal — and then some. Total pledges, with one day of calling remaining, stand at approxi-

mately \$215,000. The Phon-A-Thon's goal this year was \$200,000.

Matt Still, junior computer aided drafting and design major, said he got a good reception from most everyone he called Wednesday.

"Probably two out of every three people I talked to pledged," Still said.

Junior art major Donna Davis said

she had a fun time working the event.

"I feel like I'm doing something good for the school," Davis said. "I have fun doing it and I know it's for a good cause."

"I think on previous nights they've had some trouble getting enough callers together," said senior biology major Zak Kuhlmann, who

worked the phones Wednesday. "Tonight we had a good number of people, though."

Kuhlmann, Davis, and Still were serving as callers in association with Koinonia Campus Ministries.

Kuhlmann added that even though participation was high, most of the pledges were between \$5 and \$20. □

THE CHART PUBLIC FORUM

Thursday, February 13, 1997

EDITOR'S COLUMN

Koinonia not just another social group

Becoming a member of Koinonia Campus Christian Ministries is one of the best things I've ever done.

The change from high school to college, for most of us, is eye-opening.

As freshmen, we are bombarded with opportunities to join an array of organizations and activities around campus. When I first came to Missouri Southern, I was shy and



Stephanie Ward
Education
Editor

afraid to join anything by myself. I didn't realize the importance of becoming involved. I chose, rather, to remain uninvolved. It was easy for me to do since I lived off-campus with a friend from high school. That, I thought at the time, was all I needed.

Don't get me wrong, I made friends in my classes, but I just didn't get into the organizations.

I went to class and came home to my apartment during the week, and I went home every weekend (so did my roommate).

I had no idea how much I missed out on.

Then I learned that my roommate wouldn't be returning the following year. I struggled to try to find someone new to room with. I ended up living with a friend of a friend whom I met the year before. This same friend gave me some information about the group, Koinonia. (This is a Christian organization that meets every week. It usually involves the main meeting, free lunch on Thursdays, and different parties and social events throughout the year.) She really enjoyed Koinonia and invited me to go with her to a meeting. The main meeting appeared similar to a church service, but with a much more laid-back, casual attitude. We sang song and then listened to a speaker. We then dispersed into what are called "family groups." (These consist of a group of members, with two leaders, who discuss the lesson, and so on.)

I began to go to the regular meetings and meet more people. Later on that month, Koinonia attended a fall retreat. After much indecision, I decided to go and I ended up making some of my best friends at that retreat. Besides a great opportunity to get to know everyone in the group, the retreat served as a great stress reliever and spiritual experience like I have never felt before.

My life completely changed that semester.

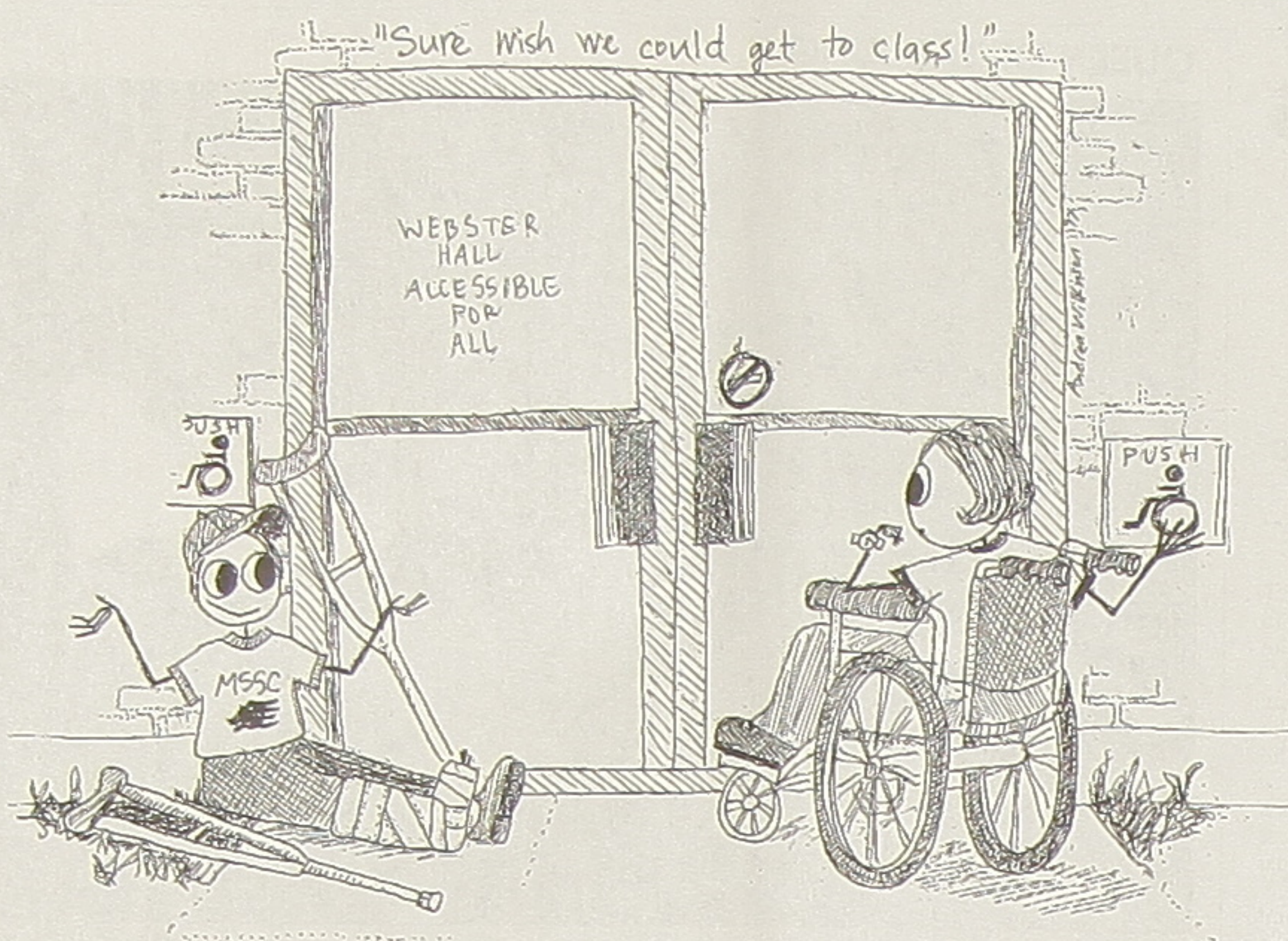
My weekends became filled with football games, movies, and very late nights just hanging out, here in Joplin.

I became very good friends with a girl I met at the retreat, where we found that we had much in common — a sense of humor, love of sarcasm, and uncertainty about our future plans. She has become one of my best friends, and we do everything together.

I owe our friendship to God and Koinonia because without that, I wouldn't have met her.

This is my third year with Koinonia. I have made countless friends and wonderful memories of road trips, watching movies, and camping out. I'm thankful I got involved with Koinonia.

The group has given me a sense of family and belonging. I now realize how much more enjoyable the college experience can be when you become involved. □



OUR EDITORIAL

Unsigned editorials on this page express the opinions of a majority of The Chart editors. Observations elsewhere on the page represent independent viewpoints of columnists, cartoonists, and readers.

It's just common knowledge

All right, if you are not disabled do not park in the spot marked with the little stick figure sitting on top of a circle.

You know the one.

It's either a blue sign with a little white figure, or it's the same figure painted in a parking lot in yellow or white paint.

You know better than that.

If someone with a cane, walker, wheelchair, or any other type of mobilization enhancer is trying to get through the doors, either help or get out of the way.

Your mother taught you that.

Do not sit in the ramp paths to study, eat, drink, socialize, or do anything else that involves blocking the path.

These ramps are not a study carrel, nor are they a place to kick back and relax.

That just seems common knowledge.

Students and staff: If any of the doors on campus do not open when you press the accessibility buttons, please report

the problem to a custodian in that building.

Custodians: If you know of problems with accessibility buttons, tell the physical plant.

Physical plant: If you are aware of problems with accessibility buttons, fix them.

Just think of it as a grown-up version of "pass-it-on."

While walking to class and you encounter a blind person being led by a seeing-eye dog, do not attempt to cuddle the animal.

How would you like it if someone petted your eyes and made goofy cooing sounds while running their fingers through your eyelashes?

All of the above should already have been taught to you long ago, but apparently it didn't stick.

This is Joplin, people, not New York City, where it's chic to be rude. If this pattern continues, the state will have no choice but to change the name of the College.

How do you like Missouri Southern State Kindergarten? □

YOUR LETTERS

The Chart welcomes letters from readers. Letters must be signed and include a phone number for verification. Letters should be 300 words or fewer. Submit letters to The Chart office on the third floor of Webster Hall, fax them to (417) 625-9742, or send via E-mail. Our E-mail address: ms-chart@mssc.edu. Letters are due by noon Monday for publication in that week's edition.

'Fun-Raiser' successful despite lack of big donation

Thank you for the publicity given to the Ronald McDonald House and our club, Joplin Junior Service League.

For your information, we raised over \$35,000.

We presented a check to Mike and

Brenda Jennings at Wilder's Tuesday night.

Addressing the \$20,000 donation, unfortunately, we didn't receive one as yet and probably will not this year.

However, we are very proud of the large

contribution we earned and do consider the "Fun-Raiser" a success.

Thank you,

Teresa Fears

Chairperson, fund-raising committee

Does attending a University make 'ya eddicated'?

So the socialist imperative now demands name inflation from Missouri Southern State College to Missouri Southern State University. While the function would be the same, pretending to be a "University" is so more prestigious! And to think that some foreign high schools call themselves "colleges." Let us ignore the fact that foreign high schools might very well succeed in teaching more in 12 years than the U.S. does in 16.

What about those of us who done graduated grade 16 and only got a degree saying we graduated from a mere college? Can we get our pieces of paper rectified to reflect the new "reality?" I is a graduate of Crowder University.

I is a graduate of Missouri Southern State University. I then become a graduate of the Crowder University Skule [sic] of Truck Driving.

All my fellow truck drivers will turn peagreen with envy when I flash my updated degree. It'll make the lot lizards hott [sic]! Fair's fair, and I want my piece of paper to

show folks I se [sic] eddicated [sic] more than them.

The value of a college is reflected in the quality of the students it turns out. With computer CD-ROMS and Internet access, the capital value of obsolescent big brick learning factories has declined. Other than the professions which demand hands-on teaching such as engineering and medicine, true learning can be done far more efficiently and cheaply with the resources of the Internet acting as a giant library and forum. Only politics mandate young people wasting four or more years of their lives under the tyranny of pedagogues in order to get a piece of paper proclaiming the bearers to be "educated." Really, now! Did Socrates hand out diplomas? Did Bill Gates finish Harvard?

College presidents realize the irrelevance and decline of their learning factories, as measured by the regression of their finished product since the 1960s. This is why they blackmail taxpayers into more lavish maintenance and upkeep of obsolescent

institutions. They run between the General Assembly and the taxpayers, seeking more funding for expansion. Now the funds for "capital improvement" have dried up, as neither legislature nor taxpayer can afford further educational empire-building.

The college of the future is now on the Internet, with teachers writing their own textbooks and grading their students via E-mail. Students learn at their own pace, but they learn thoroughly. No discipline problems. No football games. No taxpayer subsidy. No bought-off politicians. No kickbacks from the construction company. Just pure academic and scholastic achievement measured by student output, not taxpayer input.

So why are most of you students wasting four years of your lives at Missouri Southern State "University?" for a mere piece of paper subject to credential inflation?

Martin Lindstedt

1984 Missouri Southern graduate

IN PERSPECTIVE

College dives into the future with big hopes

In 1990, the Board of Regents of Missouri Southern State College approved a recommendation to pursue an international approach to undergraduate education. A portion of our mission statement reads as follows:

"The College's primary emphasis is the offering of a baccalaureate program that fosters the total education of each student. Central to that mission is a strong commitment to international education, to the liberal arts, to professional and pre-professional programs, and to the complementary relationship that must exist between liberal and professional education in order to prepare individuals for success in careers and lifelong learning."



Dr. John Tiede
Senior Vice
President

Section 2 of the bill required Missouri Southern to submit a three-year plan to the CBHE. The College has submitted this plan. Following is the CBHE synopsis of our plan:

The proposed emphasis on professional education reflects not only the perceived needs of regional public educators, but also the institution's response to the national Education 2000: Educate America Act and Missouri's Senate Bill 380. The institution also wants to enrich the educational experience of all its students by lowering class size and reducing full-time faculty overloads.

As part of the three-year plan, the College intended to introduce two new degrees: a master's degree in accountancy and a bachelor's degree in manufacturing information management systems. Those degrees were to be presented for approval by the CBHE in 1996. However, subsequent discussions with the CBHE concerning the state "blueprint" led us to rethink the master's degree by remaining an undergraduate institution and serving as a broker for graduate programs in our area. These programs would rely heavily on telecommunications for delivery of course work. Thus, our plan for the second year's funding of mission enhancement submitted to the CBHE focused on international education, telecommunications, and vocational education. The MIMS degree was approved as an option under management technology by the CBHE in October 1996.

In addressing the question of why should we have an international emphasis here at Missouri Southern, the answer must be placed in the context of the three preceding elements: mission, statute, and CBHE plans.

Our mission statement makes it clear that international education is only one more component of our total commitment to producing a well-educated populace. If we continue to provide the outstanding undergraduate education which we have always provided our students in the past, why not provide them with an additional "edge" in the workplace. With the shrinking global economy, every student in higher education in Missouri should be exposed to international issues, world affairs, and other cultures. We do not envision that Missouri Southern will be the only college or university offering international education. We intend to have numerous programs at all levels which will make for a more pervasive atmosphere than might be found at other campuses. We will try new ideas and serve as a leader in this area. However, we will be happy to share our experiences with other colleges and universities. □

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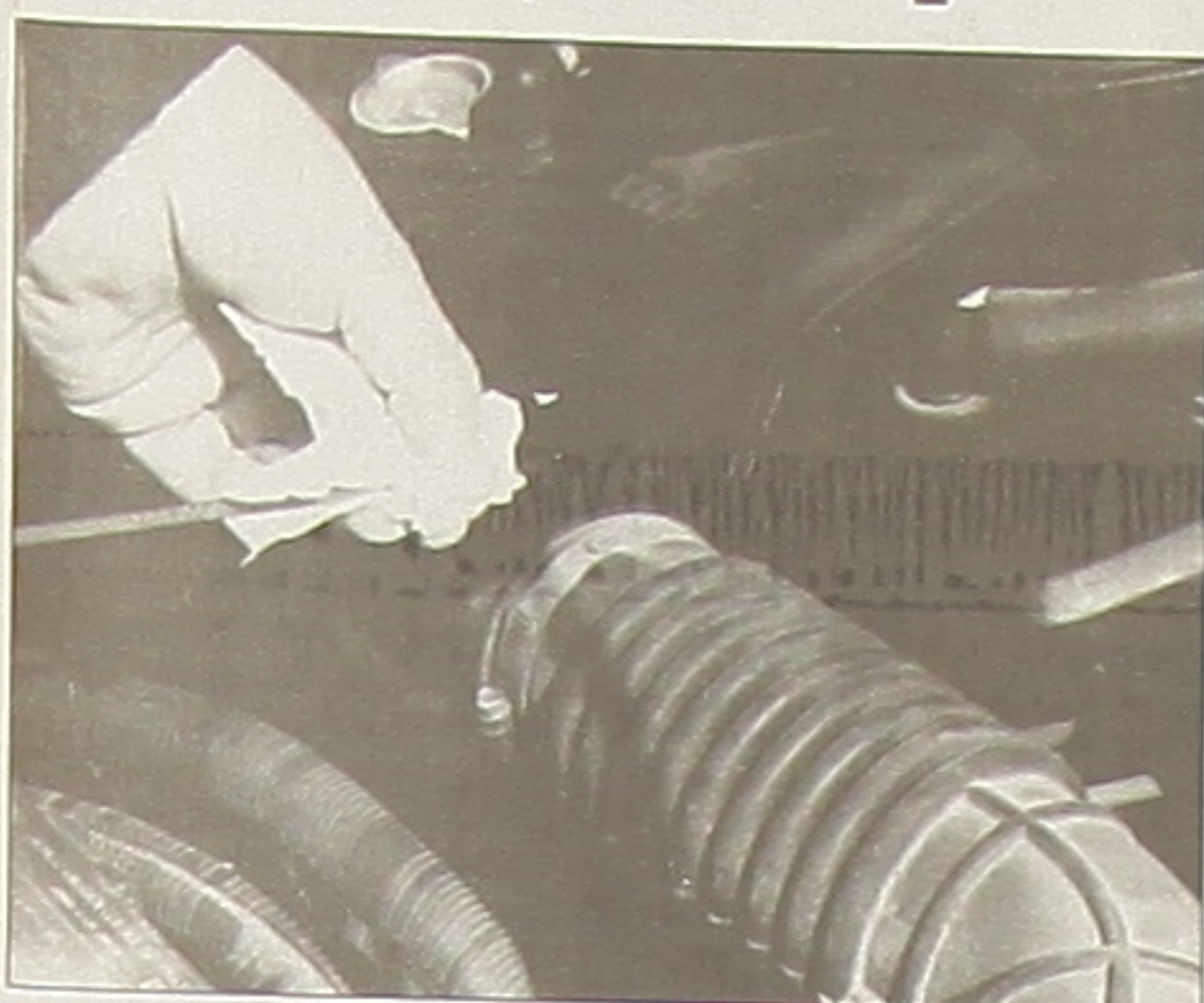
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MAINTENANCE

Simple, inexpensive steps prolong car life



TERESA BLAND/The Chart
Checking fluid levels is a regular part of vehicle maintenance for all cars.

By TERESA BLAND
STAFF WRITER

Car owners can take simple and inexpensive steps to prolong their car's life during winter's chilling temperatures.

Even though spring is just around the corner, there is still some time left to "winterize" your vehicle.

The Automotive Service Association has offered some tips to prepare your car's engine to run better in cold weather.

- The cooling system should be tested and flushed; hoses and clamps should be inspected for wear and replaced if needed.

- Other cooling system components that should be checked include: the thermostat, belts, water pump, fan clutch, and the

interactive switches between systems on new vehicles.

Colder temperatures increase demand on the battery and electrical system and the use of headlights, windshield wipers, defrosters, and the heater put added strain on the system.

- To help your vehicle's battery stay strong, inspect the cables and posts for good connections and corrosion, and have the cables replaced or cleaned if necessary.

If the battery and charging system are not within specifications, have necessary repairs performed immediately. Replace a marginal battery before it fails you.

Cold weather may decrease the amount of voltage produced by the ignition system while the

spark plugs require more voltage to fire. This may mean the engine will not start because of insufficient voltage at the spark plugs.

- Preventive maintenance, include regular tune-ups, can prevent ignition problems. A tune-up consists of an analysis and replacement of various ignition and fuel components.

In case of road-side emergencies, accidents, or bad weather, the ASA also suggests carrying certain items in your vehicles.

They include: jumper cables, pliers, an adjustable wrench, screwdriver, a first-aid kit, blankets, candles and matches, sand or kitty litter, clean water, canned fruit or nuts and a can opener, and a supply of regularly needed or taken medications. □

Nuts & Bolts

Everyone, drive friendly

The other day I noticed a Chevy Citation parked across two spaces in Lot 39. Either of the spaces was large enough for the car, had the driver been inclined to park it properly. But instead, the person had claimed two spaces for her or his own.

I parked my car and pondered the situation, becoming more angry by the minute. Due to the selfish action of that driver, someone else might be forced to park in an illegal spot and possibly get a ticket.

Thankfully, such selfishness is the exception, not the norm, in Missouri Southern parking lots. Even during the traffic jam that inevitably occurs after noon classes, people are generally polite and take turns leaving.

But once we get out of the campus road system, look out! It's every person for him or herself. Selfishness and impatience apparently reign king on American roads.

Drivers jump out into traffic, seemingly at random, not minding the speeds of oncoming cars. They cut us off; and some even cut us off twice.

My friend Teresa Bland tells me of a time she was cut off drastically. To avoid hitting the man, she had to swerve into the other lane. Instead of letting her pass, the man cut her off again in that lane and furthermore, when she finally did get around his slow-moving vehicle, she looked over at him and he was the one giving the dirty nonverbal!

Indignation was evident on Teresa's face again as she related the incident.

Are instances such as that one rampant in our society? I've done my share of commuting, and I'm inclined to say yes. But it's also true that we don't always notice good driving behavior because we're too busy noticing the bad. We've all been upset when a slow-moving vehicle turns onto the road we're using right in front of us, but how many times do we notice the driver who waits until we're past to pull onto the road?

If one thinks of all the stress-causing incidents that happen in a daily drive, it would seem probable that if we were all a little more considerate behind the wheel, there might be fewer heart attacks.

I can't claim to be an impartial observer in this phenomenon. I've had my share of rude mishaps behind the wheel of a motor vehicle. When I was 16, I drove a clapped-out, tired Olds Calais that wasn't all that fast when it was new — but I still forced it out in front of fast-moving vehicles. I thought that since I floored the throttle every time in an attempt to optimize acceleration, what I was doing was okay. No doubt this habit caused many other drivers to curse me. But with a few more years of age and possibly even some wisdom, I've begun driving with the feelings of the other drivers in mind. If we all did the same, our collective stress level would be sure to go down. □



Leslie Roberts
Automotive Editor

NHTSA

Reports warn of fires

By TERESA BLAND
STAFF WRITER

The National Highway Traffic Safety Administration (NHTSA) is warning motorists after receiving reports of five injuries and 24 fires associated with static electricity discharge from portable fuel containers.

"Take the portable gas container out of your vehicle and set it on the ground while filling it with gas," said NHTSA administrator Ricardo Martinez, M.D. "Static electricity could cause fire to erupt while fueling when it is in your car or pickup bed."

Trucks with bed liners are especially vulnerable because the liners act as an insulator, allowing static electricity to build up on the container while it is being filled. Martinez said that during fueling, the flow of the gasoline through the pump nozzle can produce static electricity and may create a spark between the container and nozzle. The spark can ignite gasoline vapors, causing a fire or explosion.

NHTSA recommends the following safety procedures for filling portable gasoline containers:

- Dispense gasoline only into approved containers.
- Do not fill a container while it is inside a vehicle, or on any surface other than the ground.
- Bring the fill nozzle in contact with the inside of the fill opening before operating the nozzle. Contact should be maintained until filling is complete. □

PROJECT CAR



LESLE ROBERTS/The Chart
Students of the Collision Repair Technology course at the Nevada Regional Technical Center straighten the Miata's hood and weld a new section of frame into the left front corner. Removing dents in the left rear quarter and trunk lid were also part of the bodywork done.

Many new parts put Miata on road to recovery

By LESLIE ROBERTS
AUTOMOTIVE EDITOR

Editor's note — This story is part two of a three-part series describing the rebuilding of a 1992 Miata.

Once the car was safe in an insulated, heated garage, the dismantling of the front end took two evenings with three people working on it.

With past rebuild projects, I have sometimes had problems finding the proper fasteners when it came time to put the vehicle back together. A perfect system still eludes me, but this time I was trying to get my husband, Justin, and my friend, Mark, to put the fasteners in little zipper baggies, and then label the baggies. They argued for the "throw-all-the-bolts-in-one-bucket" method. I eventually prevailed, although they did not cease to make fun of my little zipper baggies for the duration of the project.



Project Car:

Finishing up: A paint job and title inspection await. See Part 3 of this story in the Feb. 27 issue of The Chart.

Parts guy Jeff saw me so often that when I came in, he would say, "Uh-oh. Miata parts!"

After many hopeful glances at big brown UPS trucks, we finally received the suspension parts and installed them. With the car rolling on a straight suspension once more, it was time to go to the frame shop. 1996-97 is the last year for the collision repair technology class at Nevada Regional Technical Center,

so we took advantage of their almost-free labor to get the frame straightened. In addition to straightening the frame, the students also removed and replaced the left front inner structure with a new one from Mazda.

After two weeks at NRTC, it was back to the shop for the fitting of new, mostly Mazda-made, body parts. The new inner structure had to be primed, then painted. At the same time, Mark, the skilled one, painted the edges of the fenders and other body parts.

He did other work to the car as well. After pulling and prodding and slathering multiple coats of body filler on the right door, he announced: "I really think it needs a door skin." Off I went to see Jeff again.

Other bodywork that had to be accomplished was the removal of small dents in the left rear quarter, the trunk lid, and the windshield frame. Mark used a tool that welds

copper nails to the steel for this task. Once the nails are welded, a slide hammer is attached to them and used to bring the surface of the metal up to near where it was before. Then a very thin coat of body putty was applied, sanded down smooth, and reapplied, until Mark had satisfied himself that the repair would not show under the glossy black paint.

Next, the body had to be prepared for paint. All of the rock-guard material, a rubbery coating sprayed on the lower parts of the fenders, doors, and quarterpanels, had to be removed.

After removing all of the exterior trim items except for the windshield and front-quarter window moldings, two kinds of primer were applied, epoxy and DAU, otherwise known as gray primer.

The next step in the rebuilding process is to sand the primer coats and paint. After those are completed, the car will be almost whole. □

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11 a.m. to 1 p.m.—
Koinonia Lunch, basement of Stegge Hall
12:20 p.m.—
Model United Nations meeting, Webster Hall, Room 223
2:30 p.m.—
Missouri Southern's Student Coalition Against Child Abuse presents "Baby Shaking—the Dangers," Webster Hall, Room 223
6:30 p.m.—
Fellowship of Christian Athletes meeting, BSC, 2nd floor lounge
7 p.m.—
Zeta Tau Alpha meeting, Panhellenic room
• Baptist Student Union, Thursday Night Together, BSU Building

Friday 14

Valentine's Day
• Last day for class refunds
10:45 a.m.
Valentine Buffet, BSC 3rd floor
11:00 a.m.—
Chi Alpha meeting, Webster Hall, Room 115
7 p.m.—
Cab Dinner Dance begins, BSC Connor Ballroom

Saturday 15

1:30 p.m.—
Missouri Southern Lady Lion basketball vs. Truman State University, in Kirksville
7:30 p.m.—
Missouri Southern Lion basketball vs. Truman State University, in Kirksville

Sunday 16

6 p.m.—
Newman Club meeting, St. Peter's Catholic Church, 8th and Pearl
7 p.m.—
Sigma Pi meeting, Stegge Hall basement
• Alpha Sigma Alpha meeting, Panhellenic Room

Monday 17

President's Day
• Spring Visit Day
7 p.m.—
Baptist Student Union Quest Fellowship, Baptist Student Union Building
9 p.m.—
On-Campus Bible Study, Apt. H-7, Stone Hall

Tuesday 18

Noon—
Latter-Day Saints Student Association meeting, BSC, Room 313
12:20 p.m.—
College Republicans meeting, BSC, Room 311
2:15 p.m.—
Chi Alpha meeting, BSC, Room 311
7 p.m.—
Koinonia main meeting, College Heights Christian Church
• CAB presents "From the Gallows to the Gravel," a Black History retrospective, Webster auditorium

Wednesday 19

**Senior Assessment Day—
No Class.

Noon—
Psychology Club, Taylor Hall, Room 123
5:30 p.m.—
Missouri Southern Lady Lion basketball vs. University of Missouri-Rolla, Young Gymnasium
• Student Senate meeting, BSC
7:30 p.m.—
Missouri Southern Lion basketball vs. University of Missouri-Rolla, Young Gymnasium

SPRING BREAK TRIPS

Missions expand student visions

By GINNY DUMOND
CAMPUS EDITOR

Two of Missouri Southern's campus ministries plan to donate their spring break time in service to others.

The Baptist Student Union will be going to Panama Beach, Fla., to participate with more than 300 other Southern Baptist students in a mission called "Beach Reach."

"It's pretty phenomenal the ministry that goes on there," said Victor Boll, campus minister.

The group will serve breakfast to thousands of spring breakers on the beach every morning of break as well as provide a free taxi service in the evenings.

"Last year I believe 80 students from the beach alone made a decision to receive Christ as their savior," Boll said.

Nathan Dawson, a freshman business major, said he is excited about the trip.

"I really hope the trip will help me grow spiritually," he said. "I am also glad to have the chance to spread the word."

Koinonia Campus Ministries will

also be going to Florida and will help to renovate a church camp in the Jacksonville area.

"The school system in Jacksonville is going to a year-round program," explained Dave Weaver, campus minister. "Now they will be having camp at different times through the year including winter."

Weaver says the main reasons for going on the trip are to have fun and get away from everything for a while.

"We will be going to Disney World and to the beach," he said. "We will have a blast but help to accomplish something at the same time."

Weaver stresses that the trip is open to all Southern students interested in going and will be a worthwhile way to spend spring break.

"I would like everyone to have the opportunity to experience this," he said.

"We had so much fun," said senior biology major Laura Wilhelm, who was on the last trip. "We had a lot of good spiritual time, and the camp and atmosphere are so nice." □

FITNESS PROGRAMS

Southern students 'stepping' into shape

By ANDRE SMITH
CONTRIBUTING WRITER

Abduction, L-step, three knee repeaters, two long figure eights. These are some of the instructions a person might hear at Jesse Kluthe's step aerobics class.

Kluthe, a senior psychology major, teaches the class Monday, Wednesday, and Friday from 5:30 to 6:30 p.m. in the Student Life Center.

"Deb [Gipson, coordinator of student housing] told me there would be an aerobics room and asked me to consider teaching a class," she said. "I was anxious to get in there and use it."

In addition to leading the class at the student life center, Kluthe is a substitute aerobics instructor at the Joplin Family Y and teaches a wellness class for Missouri Southern faculty and staff.

"I annually attend instructional seminars in Chicago," Kluthe said. "They show us new techniques and they give us new fitness ideas."

Doretta Fox, a Missouri Southern graduate and member of the class, said she enjoys the workouts.

"It's very good," she said with a smile, "but exhausting. She [Kluthe] makes sure we work hard and doesn't let us stop a minute early."

An average of six to eight people attend each session, and newcomers are encouraged to join.

Each session begins with stretching, followed by warm-up movements. The workout becomes more intense for the next 20 to 25 minutes so members can work at their target heart rate. "You burn more calories working at your target heart rate," Kluthe said.

Like the vast majority of aerobics classes, Kluthe uses aerobic music tapes to keep up the tempo.

"My class tends to like top 40 music," she said, "mostly songs that KSYN, 92.5 FM, plays." □

GREEK LIFE

Sororities hold annual rush events

By HEATHER DEMIER
STAFF WRITER

Parties were held on campus Sunday, Monday, and Tuesday evenings to introduce new members to Southern's two sororities, Alpha Sigma Alpha and Zeta Tau Alpha.

Sunday night's informal rush was held at the Student Life Center at 7:30 p.m. Refreshments were available as members circulated throughout the visitors, sharing information about their organizations.

"This is just a big party to let you get to know us," said Laurie Waters, president of the Panhellenic Council and member of Alpha Sigma Alpha.

Elizabeth Stone, freshman undecided major, said she joined the Alpha Sigma Alpha sorority because of Waters, her close friend and roommate.

"We have dances, sisterhoods twice a month, we meet every Sunday, and we help out with a lot of charities," Stone said. "Sorority membership introduced me to many new friends."

An informative meeting was held later that evening, led by Jan Crandall, the Greek adviser on cam-



April Bunch (left), freshman biology major, and Marissa Hiser (right), freshman nursing major, discuss sorority options during a rush function.

pus. Sorority members spoke about their organizations, and guests introduced themselves.

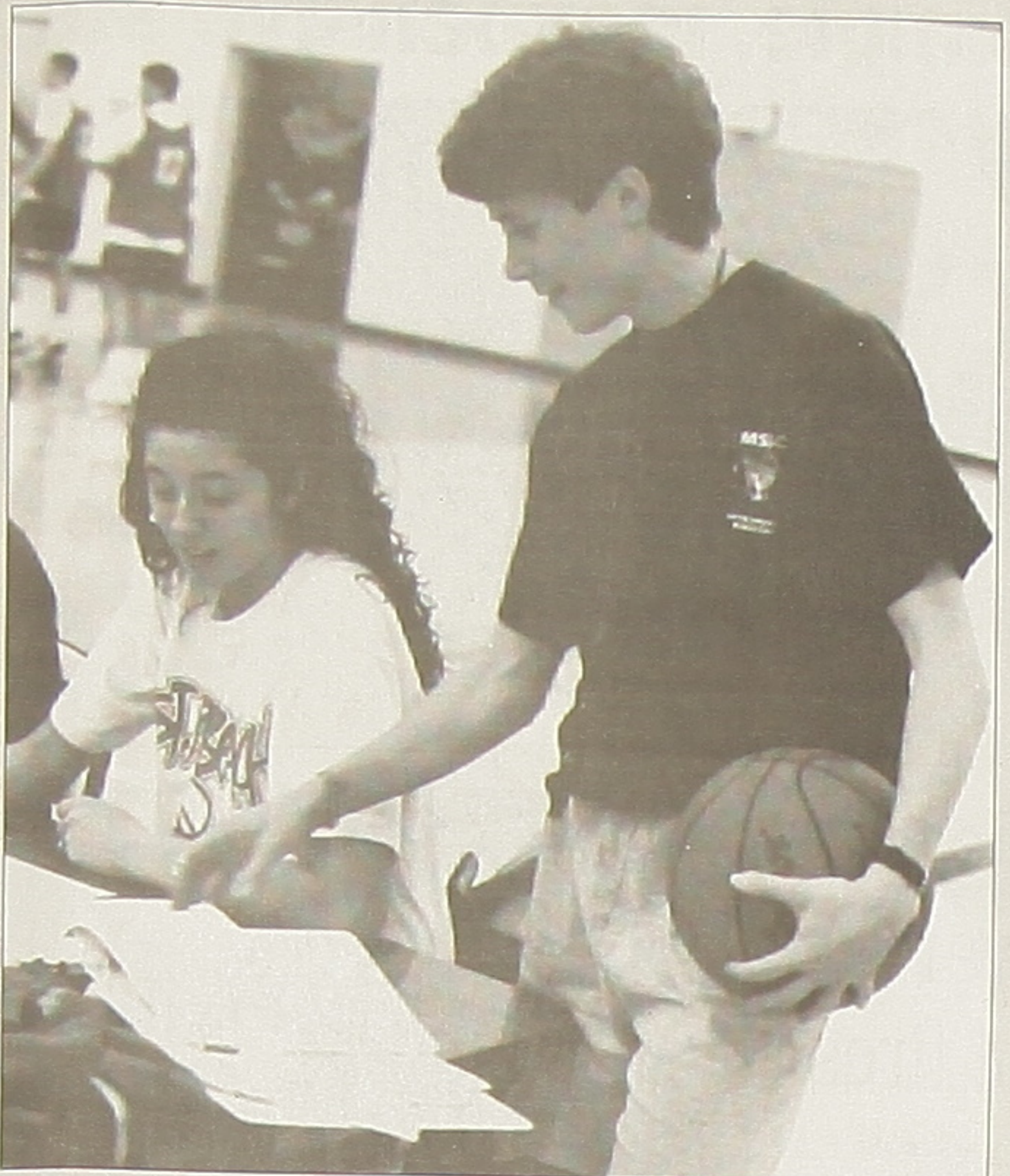
"A lot of times we put stereotypes on sororities—we don't want to see what it's about," said Autumn Lawrence, senior chemistry major and member of Zeta Tau Alpha.

Lawrence said most of her friends come from her sorority and fraternity life.

"Our main philanthropy is the Susan G. Koma breast cancer foundation," she said.

"Any time we have a fund raiser it

SOUTHERN FOCUS



Cindy Wolfe, Missouri Southern's aquatics/intramural sports director, chats with Stephanie Gockley, junior Lady Lion volleyball player, during an intramural basketball game Tuesday night.

Wolfe's just a kid at heart

Intramural director focuses on serving God, students through a variety of activities

By BRIAN PALMER
STAFF WRITER

Five years ago Cindy Wolfe, aquatics/intramural sports director, did not imagine she would be where she is today.

"I wanted to be a coach at the college level," she said. "I never dreamed I would be at the college level in this capacity, but I enjoy it."

"I miss coaching, but yet I don't. I don't miss the headaches that go along with coaching."

Wolfe was born in Hiawatha, Kan., in 1965. She later attended Northwest Missouri State University, receiving a degree in physical education and mathematics. She received a master's degree in sports management at the University of Arkansas in 1992.

Today she organizes and runs the intramural sports program and the pool in Young Gymnasium.

Her spare time is also taken up with sports, as she enjoys water skiing and boating on Grand

Lake, racquetball, and basketball. "I'm just a big kid," she said. "I like to play."

Wolfe also sponsors Missouri Southern's chapter of Fellowship of Christian Athletes.

Along with her cat and two dogs, the members of FCA have become her surrogate family.

"The FCA kids are my kids," Wolfe said. The FCA sponsors several events, such as the gladiator night it has planned for Good Friday, March 28.

"It's our version of 'American Gladiators,'" she said. "The high school kids come in, they get teams of four girls and four guys, and they compete against our college athletes."

"It's a riot," she said.

To some, she may seem to be a person without goals, but she knows exactly what she wants to do.

"My goal is to serve God," she said. "Right now, serving Him here is FCA and reaching out to those in intramurals. Wherever He puts me is where I'm going to be."

"Some people say, 'Well I have a goal—I want to be a senator, or I want to be a department head.' Not me. I'm happy just being a kid."

Wolfe is more interested in working "behind the scenes" than in stealing all the glory for herself.

"I try to stay as low profile as possibly can," she said. □

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EQUAL HOUSING LENDER

Audience to feast on Renaissance life

By RHONDA CLARK
STAFF WRITER

Step back in time and enjoy the entertainment of the minstrels and jesters of 1562.

Persons attending the third annual Missouri Southern Madrigal Feast, March 12-15, will do just that. During a four-course dinner consisting of food designed to be

enjoyed sans utensils, diners will experience a "loud, rowdy and bawdy time" by troupes with mannerisms and costuming of days gone by.

"What we are doing is taking Taylor Auditorium and transporting it back to the Renaissance period," said Bud Clark, director of choral activities. "It is a chance for our kids to sing that kind of music, to show people what the period was like as far as customs and things like

that. It's almost like a three-ring circus while you are trying to eat."

The stage in Taylor transforms into a banquet hall. After a brass fanfare, the king and his court proceed to the king's table, and a raucous evening of fun and frolic with audi-



James Cunningham, Joplin resident, displays his skills in the art of black magic during the Madrigal Feast in March of 1995.

ence participation begins. Audience members have the opportunity to don period garb and partake in the acting. Clark said this participation is the key to the success of the evening. "It's a totally different kind of entertainment than people are used to," he said. "It's not a go-out-to-the-movie-and-dinner type of thing. Instead, you are part of the movie."

The idea for the Madrigal Feast came from Clark, who had experience writing

scripts for similar events in the Kansas City area and while teaching high school. He realized the fun and the teaching value for the students.

The show gets the community involved with its unique entertainment.

Brad Harris, junior music major, has had the opportunity to perform in the Madrigal each year. He said the dinner is different from anything he has ever experienced.

"You have to have people who are really

outgoing and that can do things on the spot and can react to the crowd," Harris said.

Performers include a brass ensemble, a table master for each table, and a wiping winch for messy diners.

Some 40 students, as part of a chamber choir class project, are the singers, dancers, and service attendants for the night. Drama students also help with the speaking parts.

Persons wanting to make reservations may call 625-9366.

"You have to have people who are really outgoing and that can do things on the spot..."

Brad Harris
Junior music major

CONCERT



Regatta 69, a ska band from Chapel Hill, N.C., will be performing Friday night at Joplin's A.T.A. Hall.

Ska gurus Regatta 69 to return

By KEVIN COLEMAN
ARTS ETC. EDITOR

Ska band Regatta 69 returns to Joplin Friday night to perform a Valentine's concert at the A.T.A. Hall, located at 20th and Tyler streets.

The band from Chapel Hill, N.C., is no stranger to Joplin audiences. In the past they have entertained crowds at The Grind, The Culture Shock, and the A.T.A. Hall.

"We play in Joplin about

every six months," said Brian Hill, bassist and lead vocalist for the band.

Regatta 69 has been well received by local audiences at previous shows.

"The kids are really cool," said drummer Nate Stalfa. "It's good the way they come out to the shows and support the bands — ska bands."

They have two CDs now, their first self-titled disc, 1992; and *Fat Free*, 1995.

They will release a third in April on Moon Records.

The doors of the A.T.A. Hall will open around 8 p.m. Friday. Members of Big Bad Chubba, who are promoting the show, were unable to confirm the identity of Regatta 69's guest band or ticket prices, but Hill said he thought admission would be \$4 to \$5.

"To me it's really happy music," he said.

"So if people want to get out and dance and have a good time... it's usually a positive experience."

CONCERT

Doug Talley Quartet brings Jazz to Joplin

Webster auditorium serves as venue for annual city event

By KIKI COFFMAN
STAFF WRITER

Doug Talley Quartet, an eclectic jazz foursome that regularly performs in Kansas City, will present the first Jazz in Joplin concert for the 1997 season at Missouri Southern on Sunday, Feb. 23.

The group includes Doug Talley, saxophone; Wayne Hawkins, piano; Kim Brown, bass guitar; and Keith Kavanaugh, drums.

The ensemble will perform at 2:30 p.m. in Webster Hall auditorium.

Advance tickets are \$10 and are available at Ernie Williamson Music House, 611 Main. Tickets may also be purchased at the door for \$12.50. Students with college ID will be admitted free to the concert.

Following in the footsteps of jazz legends, the performance will range from hard driving bebop and laid-back swing to cool original compositions and individ-

ual players' musical interpretations.

Doug Talley, a skilled composer, arranger, and master of the tenor saxophone, has performed in a variety of jazz festivals and concerts, including the Kansas City Jazz and Blues Festival; the 18th and Vine St. Festival, Kansas City; and the Norman (Okla.) Jazz in June Festival.

He is considered to be a dedicated jazz musician and has been featured as a guest soloist and clinician at many schools and universities.

The jazz quartet's show is sponsored by Jazz in Joplin, a non-profit organization that is dedicated to the performance and presentation of jazz music.

CeCie Fritz, founder of Jazz in Joplin, said "[Jazz in Joplin] has a small but dedicated and supportive patronage of those who appreciate jazz music."

Jazz music is an American music style developed from older styles like ragtime, brass-band marches, and blues that are blended into a unique style, featuring syncopated rhythms, improvisational work, and different melodic features such as blue notes and flatted notes.

Coming Attractions

On Campus



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STONE'S THROW THEATRE

Feb. 13-15—Dial "M" for

Murder

STONE'S THROW THEATRE

After slow start, dramatic play shows itself as dark comedy

By MICHELLE CONTY
ASSISTANT ARTS ETC. EDITOR

What I expected from my evening at Stone's Throw Theatre was not what I received.

The production *Dial "M" for Murder* was given a comic twist. Dialogue and blocking of the production followed the script exactly.

However, words were emphasized differently or left up to interpretation of the audience. This allowed for the otherwise dramatic play to be a dark comedy.

The production had a slow start as the plot was being set up during the first act, but the second act



picked up speed and came to a unexpected climax.

The actors portrayed their characters with intense accuracy.

A murder plot goes drastically wrong. The husband, Tony Wendice, played by Jeremy Carnagey, plans an elaborate scheme to murder his unfaithful wife, Margot, played by Sonya Kew-Johnson and collect the insurance money and her wealthy estate.

Tony then brings an acquaintance from college, Captain

Lesgate, on the scene. With the threat of blackmail, Tony convinces Lesgate to be the murderer for hire. The "little woman" might not be too bright, but she does outsmart the plan and murders the murderer as an act of self-defense. This causes her husband to invent a new plan to eliminate her presence.

Brian Palmer, a freshman communications major at Missouri Southern, portrayed Max Halliday, the other man. Keith Gregory acted as the murderer for hire, Captain Lesgate. Curt Campbell played Detective Hubbard, the scattered police officer who stumbled on to the answers by happenstance.

Scott Campbell directed the performance.

Dinner was included in the admission price. For \$16 I enjoyed a nice dinner and a fantastic show. Dinner consisted of cubed beef in mushroom gravy, broccoli, rice, and bread, and cherry crisp served as desert. Coffee, water, and tea were the beverages.

The doors opened at 6 p.m., and dinner was served around 6:30. The theatre is operated by volunteers, including hosts, hostesses, and servers. Considering these people are non-professionals, they did a good job of catering the meal.

The performance will continue through Saturday.



MICHELLE CONTY/The Chart

Sonya Kew-Johnson, Jeremy Carnagey (back), and Brian Palmer in *Dial "M" for Murder*.

REGIONAL NEWS BRIEFS

Rape, assault victims finger brother-in-law

On Monday, at 5:51 p.m., Joplin police were dispatched to the 1000 block of St. Louis Street in reference to a reported rape.

Once on the scene, officers found that there were two victims. A 31-year-old female was the victim of a rape, and a 32-year-old female was the victim of an attempted rape.

The two women were attacked in their home by their brother-in-law, who was visiting, according to a police press release.

The women are both mentally challenged, said Chief of Police David Niebur.

Police arrested 25-year-old Mark E. Finder of Joplin in connection with the crime.

The Jasper County prosecutor's office has filed one felony count of rape and one felony count of first-degree sexual abuse against Finder. Bond has not been set.

Finder will be transferred to the Jasper County Jail. □

Local hospital closes transplant facilities

Effective Jan. 24, 1997, St. John's Regional Medical Center has placed its transport program on inactive status.

St. John's took this action voluntarily for reasons relating to the management of the program. The hospital intends to reactivate the program within one year.

During the period of deactivation, postoperative care for transplant patients will continue to be available at the St. John's Regional Transplant Clinic.

However, transplants will not be performed at St. John's Regional Medical Center.

St. John's has contacted all of its transplant program patients to advise of the deactivation.

The hospital has coordinated with other transplant centers in order to permit transfer of program patients who are awaiting transplants.

The deactivation of the transplant program will not affect other services provided by St. John's. □

Texas parolee convicted; faces life imprisonment

A jury composed of Jasper County residents found Don Kluck guilty of the second-degree murder of Kelli Drury on Tuesday.

Drury, Kluck's live-in girlfriend, was found shot to death on Jan. 21, 1996, in their home at 1719 Sergeant Ave.

Through the course of interrogations and the trial, Kluck produced four separate accounts in which he described how a bullet from his gun was fired into the victim's head.

The accounts ranged from the victim committing suicide to a weapon malfunction while the gun was in Kluck's hand.

Witnesses, including the victim's daughter, testified that Kluck behaved in an abusive fashion toward the victim.

He also reportedly crushed a bottle over the victim's head during an argument hours before the fatal shooting.

Kluck was found to be intoxicated at the time of the shooting.

The argument allegedly concerned a sum of money the victim removed from Kluck's pocket while he was asleep.

Jurors deliberated just over two and a half hours before convicting Kluck.

Kluck has also been convicted of murder in Texas and was on parole from that conviction at the time of the Drury murder.

Due to his prior conviction, he faces a possible sentence of life-imprisonment. □

AREA RESTAURANT

French eatery: 'classy' variety

Once catering local water lovers, old pool will offer new splash

By KIM GIBSON
STAFF WRITER

A French restaurant to be built near Joplin may provide some new flavor for the night life of the community.

The former Redings Mill pool building is being transformed into a restaurant called Arde's Villa, complete with waterfalls, flower gardens, a gazebo, and a miniature lake.

Arde Khaleghi, owner of Arde's Villa, abandoned the Greek food he served at his last restaurant, Arde's Greek Cuisine, to build a place with a French menu because he said the French served a "classy dish." The dining experience will be more like a "formal dinner."

"French have more variety," he said.

Lamb, chicken, and veal are typi-

“Everything here is going to be unique... people can go out and enjoy themselves.”

Arde Khaleghi
Restaurant owner

cal dishes that could be ordered in a French restaurant, but what makes it French is the sauce and design of the plate.

"Sauce makes a difference," Khaleghi said.

The restaurant has more to offer than different food. Atmosphere and landscape play a major role in the uniqueness of the establishment.

Customers will have the option of dining in a French-decorated room



TIM WILSON/The Chart

Even though construction has yet to be completed, Arde's Villa is scheduled to open within eight weeks.

including rugs and a fireplace, or eating outdoors among flower gardens and miniature waterfalls.

What once was the pool will be a miniature lake and there will be a gazebo for outdoor dining.

"Everything here is going to be unique," Khaleghi said.

Patrons waiting to be seated can browse the waiting room gift shop,

decorated with French antiques.

Khaleghi said he had the idea for this restaurant for a long time. He wanted to provide a place where "people can go out and enjoy themselves" in a "beautiful atmosphere just like going out of town."

Inspiration struck Khaleghi in his home in Theran, Persia, where he remembered dining in enjoyment at

tables beside beautiful trees. It was then he knew he wanted to open a place where others could have the same experience.

The restaurant itself should be opened in six to eight weeks, but the building won't be complete until an antique shop is added where people can shop for items from Europe, Russia, and the Middle East. □

DOWNTOWN BUSINESS

Sonja Reneau, merchandise buyer and owner of Elements of Nature, displays local artwork and supplies natural products to customers of the unique shop. Reneau is currently displaying the works of 10 local artists, and all the displays are for sale.

JOHN SMITH/The Chart



Uniquely Natural

Elements of Nature provides unique twist

By LINDA WHITED
STAFF WRITER

Selling anything from unique gems to mood scents, Sonja Reneau's unique business aims to pique the interest of local college students and others seeking the unusual.

Reneau, the owner and merchandise buyer for Elements of Nature, located at 610 Main St., said, "College students like my unique gems, silver jewelry, and the Celtic jewelry designs."

All natural bath products are one of its best-selling products. It stocks aroma therapy items and mood scents.

Reneau says her store is, "An eclectic selection of sterling silver jewelry and all natural bath products."

Elements of Nature sits across the street from Club 609. Parking is available on Main Street or at the rear of the building.

Prior to the Main Street location, Elements of Nature was located at 315 Commercial Alley in Joplin. The phone number is 782-1968.

Jewelry prices range from \$5 to \$500. Reneau markets local artists' jewelry.

Barbara Bryan has been a customer since the store opened five years ago. Bryan is a Freeman Hospitals and Health System emergency room nurse.

"I'm Bohemian and have traveled all over the world," she said. "It's very hard to find different pieces to decorate my home."

"I purchased my Santa Fe chimney at Elements of Nature. It's an outdoor fireplace made of clay pottery. It warms up my deck by my hot tub."

Elements of Nature is "for people who dare to be different," Bryan says.

"The incense I carry is the least expensive item. It's priced from \$3 to \$15," says shop-owner Reneau.

Dianne Shilaneck has shopped at the Elements of Nature for one and a half years.

"I haven't seen any of the designs like Sonja carries anywhere. They are big city (the designs), but the artwork doesn't have the big city prices," says the Joplin cosmetologist.

"Abstract designs, metal, gold, copper designs, and crystals" keep Shilaneck returning to shop the unique home decorations.

Shilaneck, who has lived in Joplin 10 years, says the "one-of-a-kind designs" inspire her home decorating. Shilaneck said finding the store made her want to redesign her living space with Elements of Nature creations.

The owner says she currently has at least 100 regular customers. Reneau's customers range from teenagers to baby boomers. □

ON-LINE

Local Internet provider loses E-mail access

By SCOTT HAAR
STAFF WRITER

Many Internet users know the feeling of abandonment or despair when the wonders of computers are swept away by some unreachable entity.

Some electronic mail users in the Joplin area were unable to use the magic of E-mail over the weekend.

Computerland, which coordinates Internet services for customers in the Joplin area, lost E-mail services that left more than 3,800 customers unable to chat electronically.

"A lot of stress goes into keeping this system up and running," said Jeff Nichols, an employee of Computerland.

Though unsure what caused the crash, Nichols said an E-mail bomb could cause such a failure.

"At this time we do not know what caused the crash. I am reluctant to suggest the possibility of a bomb," he said.

An E-mail bomb is a message sent into a system that continues to reproduce until it has occupied all available space within that system. Nichols said this type of interference cannot be prevented until a direct cause is located.

Nichols believes technological advances combined with society's increasing demand for computer services has placed heavy stress upon the computer industry. This stress has been passed on to the consumer. Without E-mail or Internet access, some customers are lost.

"People are lost without it," said Rebecca Braden, an Internet user.

Braden says people should not totally involve themselves with the computer.

"The Internet is power," she said. "With that power comes a certain amount of responsibility."

Nichols says people get irate when their services are lost for a certain amount of time, but says that is understandable. □

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HEALTH

Missouri 'kneads' massage legislation

Bill would require individual, business licensing for Missouri massage therapists

By TAMMY SPICER
ASSOCIATE EDITOR

JEFFERSON CITY, Mo. — The massage business has some negative connotations in the Joplin area due to the recent undercover police investigation at Aloha Indigo. It was discovered that the massage parlor was a prostitution business in disguise.

Several members of the Missouri legislature have experienced this same scenario in their own districts and have addressed the problem in the form of a bill to require massage therapists and businesses to obtain licenses.

"The primary reason for my introducing this legislation is to put a stop to massage parlors serving as fronts for prostitution," said Sen. Morris Westfall (R-Halfway), who has filed Senate Bill 295 relating to the massage licensing. "And to provide law enforcement with another tool to fight crime."

After being approached by the sheriff of Greene County with the problem of not having enforcement outside of city limits, Westfall began to put legislation together. After several meetings with the Missouri Sheriffs Association and the Senate research staff, there was a general consensus that there would be more support for a state law.

"It certainly sounds like a positive step in the right direction," said Joplin Police Department Detective

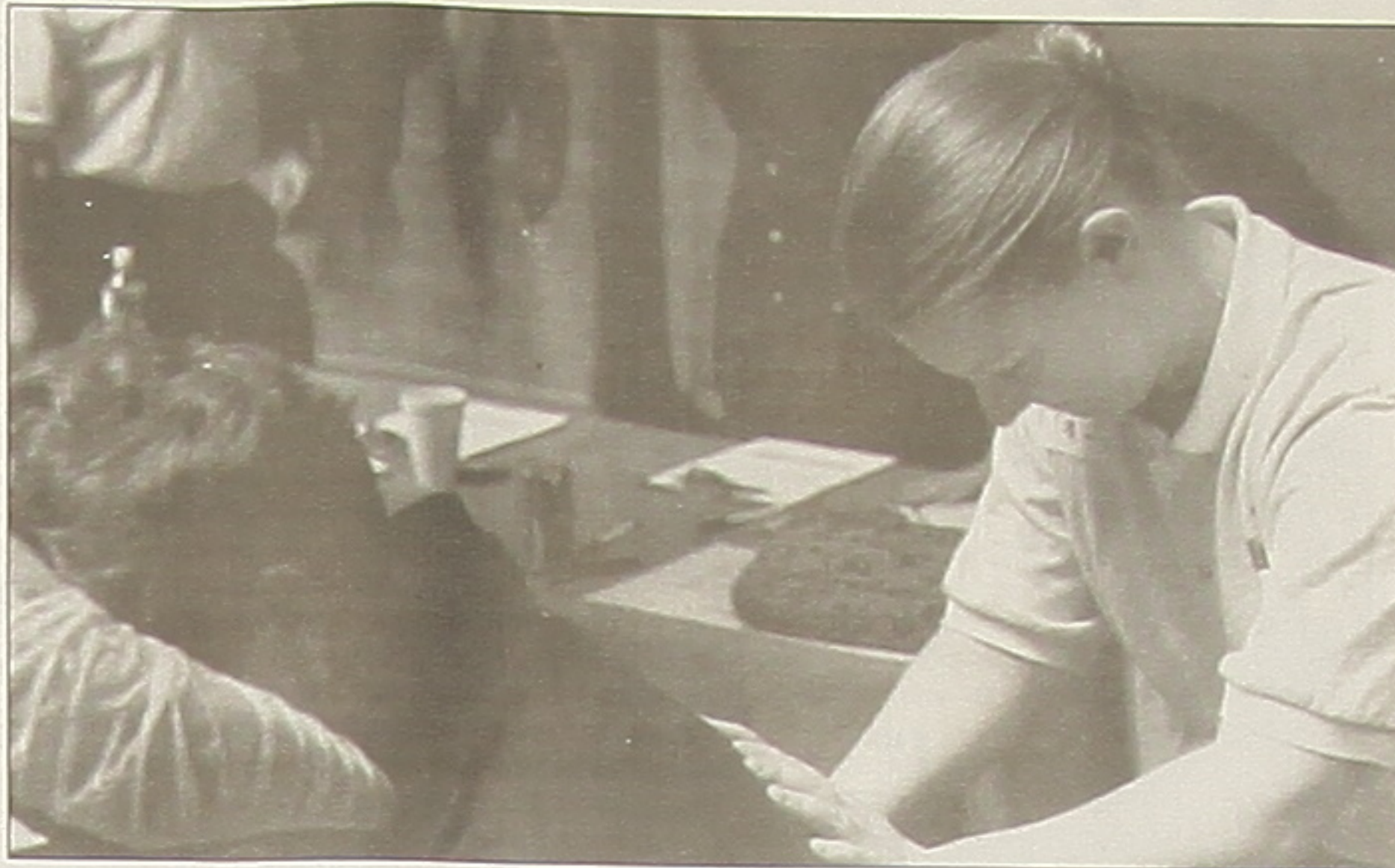
Sgt. Keith Meyer. "I'm not aware of any more immediate problems in the area, but the potential is always there."

Currently, there are no restrictions on massage practice in Missouri. In the United States, there are 25 states with education and licensing requirements placed on massage therapists. Ohio started the trend in 1916 and currently requires 600 hours of training over a period of 12 months to become a licensed massage therapist, according to information provided by the National Certification Examination for Therapeutic Massage and Bodywork. Alabama, Maryland, South Carolina, and Virginia all added massage licensing laws in 1996.

"I don't know if it matters if they have a license or not," said Brenda Boyd, owner and therapist at Brenda's Massage in Joplin. "It depends on a person more than a law." Boyd has 100 hours of massage training at a certified school.

There is a similar bill before the House of Representatives this year. House Bill 568 has been submitted by Craig Hosmer (D-Springfield), Chuck Graham (D-Columbia), and Quincy Troupe (D-St. Louis). This is the first year that legislation of this sort has been brought forward, according to Westfall.

"I'm not exactly married to the exact wording of this bill," Westfall explained. "The only part I am completely set on is 'It's illegal to



TAMMY SPICER/The Chart

Leaning into her work, Pamela Burks of the Missouri chapter of the American Massage Therapy Association gives a massage to Charlene Eckstein, a lobbyist for dental hygiene. AMTA plans to visit the Capitol twice a month during this legislative session to support Senate Bill 295 and House Bill 568.

use the word massage in a business name or advertising unless it is properly licensed."

Part of the problem in determining if a massage parlor is a legitimate business or a prostitution front is the nature of the crime involved.

"This type of crime you usually don't have a victim that comes forward and screams at you," Meyers said.

As the bill currently stands, in order for a person to obtain a license to practice massage therapy he or she must be 18, pay a \$50

application fee, and either complete 500 hours of training and pass an accredited examination or be a licensed therapist in another state.

"We feel the inclusion of an accreditation exam is undermining massage schools in the state and nation," said Les Sweeney, executive director of Associated Bodywork and Massage Professionals. "There are obviously very legitimate reasons for regulation, but we feel beating legitimate therapists over the head with prostitution issues isn't fair."

A license to operate a massage

business would require a \$100 initial fee and an annual \$50 renewal fee. Potential businesses would also have to be approved by a survey inspection. The licenses would not be transferable. Sweeney said this would require people licensing themselves and then paying again to license their business. That would be double taxation, Sweeney said.

"If someone wants to find a legitimate massage therapist, they will find it," Boyd said. "And if they are looking for something else, they will find it, too." □

HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Resolution raises budget concerns

House Majority Leader Backer wants UM system to be held more accountable for budget

By TAMMY SPICER
ASSOCIATE EDITOR

JEFFERSON CITY, Mo. —

With a budget that is more than all the other state higher education institutions combined, the University of Missouri system is being asked to be more accountable by House Majority Leader Gracia Backer (D-New Bloomfield).

"I am not out on a vendetta, I don't have any particular motive," Backer said, referring to a rumor that she is trying to punish the university system for denying admission to her teenage son. She and university officials say he has never even applied to the University of Missouri.

Backer has proposed House Joint Resolution 3, a measure that would give the legislature more control over how the money appropriated to the University of Missouri system is spent.

Four campuses make up the University of Missouri system. The largest campus is in Columbia; the other three are in St. Louis, Kansas City, and Rolla.

She pointed out that for Fiscal Year 1997, legislators appropriated \$7 million toward information technology, with set amounts being divided between the various campuses. Later, the university's Board of Curators decided that the \$7 million should be lumped into one sum and the system president would have the discretion to disperse the money.

"I am concerned that this legislation could put a terrible burden on universities without producing results required for closer management or better education," said Rep. Vicky Wilson (D-Columbia).

Wilson said she realizes Backer has more insight into the legislative process of budgeting, but she draws on her own personal experience working in the University of Missouri system for eight years.

"Having seen this from the other side," Wilson said, "I don't think there is anything to be gained by changing the system. I would hate to see funding battles pit

campuses and departments against each other."

The legislation as it stands would have no effect on any other college or university, including Missouri Southern, simply because the other higher education institutions' budgets are so much smaller compared to University of Missouri system's \$350 million state appropriation, Backer explained.

As a member of the House budget committee for more than 10 years, Backer said this is not a new concern of hers. She has been contacted several times over the years by constituents questioning the allocation of funds to the University of Missouri system, she said.

"This is a culmination of things," Backer said. "For the first time I had time to think about it and work on it."

Backer emphasized that she doesn't want the legislative committees deciding "if Norwegian mythology should be taught at UMC or UMR," and she is willing to make changes to her proposal to make it less restrictive. She has been talking with Dr. Mel George, the University of Missouri system's interim president, in an attempt to better understand the other side, she said.

"Dr. George has been absolutely wonderful to work with," Backer said. "He has already implemented things on his own about our budget concerns."

But, she pointed out that when the administration changes, policies oftentimes change with it and she wants to provide some mechanism that will guarantee a full and adequate overview of the \$350 million.

"I feel we have a good system of checks and balances," Wilson said, referring to the oversight process of chancellors on each campus, system administration for all four campuses, a board of curators that allows for citizen input, and the Coordinating Board for Higher Education.

"I take very seriously the responsibility of state legislators to provide oversight for state monies and I don't want to minimize that responsibility," Wilson said. "On the other hand, HJR 3 goes too far in putting barriers to stop the effective use of money to benefit the state."

Backer said she has finally decided to attempt to find a solution rather than simply having to shrug her shoulders when a constituent wants to know why there is a change in funding. □

LOBBYING



TAMMY SPICER/The Chart

Stretching floss as an example, Tia Strait, Missouri Southern dental hygiene instructor, explains the importance of good oral care to Rep. Mark Elliott (R-Carl Junction) Wednesday during a trip to the Capitol.

Students lobby at Capitol

By TAMMY SPICER
ASSOCIATE EDITOR

JEFFERSON CITY, Mo. — The State Capitol was swarming with Missouri Southern students carrying toothbrushes Wednesday. Thirty-three students from Southern's dental hygiene program were in Jefferson City to participate in the annual Missouri Dental Hygienists' Association lobbying day.

"It is really an educational experience," said Tia Strait, a Southern dental hygienist instructor. "The students get to experience lobbying, they are exposed to the legislative process, and they get a chance to meet their area legislators."

The group spent time with the state association discussing bills that relate to the field of dental hygiene, Strait said.

"This is my first time lobbying," said Susie Baird, junior dental hygiene major. "It's complicated to follow a bill through the legislative process."

Specifically, the MDHA is supporting Senate Bill 66 and House Bill 315, which would allow dental hygienists to be employed by someone other than a licensed dentist. Hygienists would still be under a dentist's supervision, but they could work under prescriptions, according to Strait.

As the law stands now, a dental hygienist cannot work on a patient's teeth unless a dentist is present to supervise. This problem stems mainly from nursing home care.

Nursing home residents usually don't have a dentist at their disposal, making routine oral check-ups difficult.

Students who have attended the lobbying day in the past have often contacted Strait saying it was one of the most enlightening experiences they had during their dental hygiene training, she said.

"Once they become licensed professionals," Strait said, "they will have the knowledge to address issues that will affect them professionally and personally." □

PREPARING FOR THE PARADE

Alyssa Dutcher, a student at Central High School in Springfield, watches closely as the final touches are made to her outfit. She is a member of the Kiltie Drum and Bugle Corps. The group led a parade into the Capitol for Boys and Girls Town of Missouri, which spent Tuesday lobbying in Jefferson City.

TAMMY SPICER/The Chart



STATE NEWS BRIEFS

Barton County library holds talks about sites

The Missouri Department of Natural Resources (DNR) will hold an informational meeting Thursday, Feb. 20 to discuss issues related to Harry S. Truman Birthplace State Historic Site in Lamar, Battle of Carthage State Historic Site in Carthage, and Osage Village State Historic Site near Walker in Vernon County.

The meeting will be held from 7 to 9 p.m. at the Barton County Public Library at 10th and Cherry Streets in Lamar, and the public is invited.

Representatives from the historic sites will be on hand to provide information about all three historic sites and to answer questions. The public is invited to share comments about the sites and their operations. This meeting was originally scheduled for Jan. 16, but was postponed due to bad weather.

The informational meeting is part of an ongoing effort by the DNR to ensure that the public has input on services offered in state parks and historic sites.

Persons requiring special services or accommodations to attend the meeting can make arrangements by calling Harry S. Truman Birthplace State Historic Site at (417) 682-2279 or the DNR toll free at 1-800-334-6946. Persons with hearing impairments can call 1-800-379-2419 with a Telecommunications Device for the Deaf (TDD). □

Danish-built train rolls through Missouri rails

Amtrak and the Missouri Department of Transportation will operate the Danish-built, high-tech Flexliner passenger train between St. Louis and Kansas City from April 8 through May 1.

Amtrak, in cooperation with international manufacturer Adtranz, is participating in a two-year demonstration tour of the Flexliner, a futuristic passenger train that has been operating in European real service since 1990. During the tour, Amtrak plans to demonstrate a unique type of passenger rail equipment being used successfully in Europe that might eventually be used in the United States for short- to medium-distance travel.

"Amtrak is proud to participate in the Flexliner tour," said Thomas Downs, Amtrak president. "This type of advanced technology embodies Amtrak's vision for 21st century American rail service. It is an example of our interest in working with equipment manufacturers to demonstrate new technologies in the American market."

"We would like to thank the Missouri legislature for the funds to support this project," said Jack Hynes, railroads administrator at the Missouri Department of Transportation. "This is one of the fastest-growing passenger routes in the Amtrak system and this kind of equipment can show our customers the kinds of service that are possible in the future."

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Sports SCOPE

Do you really want to read this column?

As the MIAA post-season tournament nears, many questions still need answers concerning our Missouri Southern basketball teams. Wanna know what they are?

Lion hoops:
Will the men's team make the MIAA playoffs?
Will the Lions make the playoffs before I graduate? (Number of credit hours completed after spring semester — 99; left needed to graduate — 29)



Rick Rogers
Editor-in-Chief

Why is head coach Robert Corn always aiming for the eighth and final spot in the MIAA playoffs instead of demanding that his team finish in the conference's upper tier?
Can Southern build around standouts Mario Phillips, Matt Olson, and Carlos Newberry next season?
Will they stick around for us to find out?
Will Corn be able to offer a valid explanation as to why his team continues to lose?
Is Corn really the one to blame?
Is the ancient state of Young Gymnasium the reason Southern cannot attract enough high-quality players?
Are the stingy Joplin residents, who voted down a proposal to build a 9,000-seat events center on campus, the ones to blame for our team's losing record?
Why can Washburn, Central Missouri State, and Missouri Western produce top-caliber teams every year?
What makes them so damn good?
Coaching?
Talent throughout their starting five and their bench?
Better facilities?
All of the above?

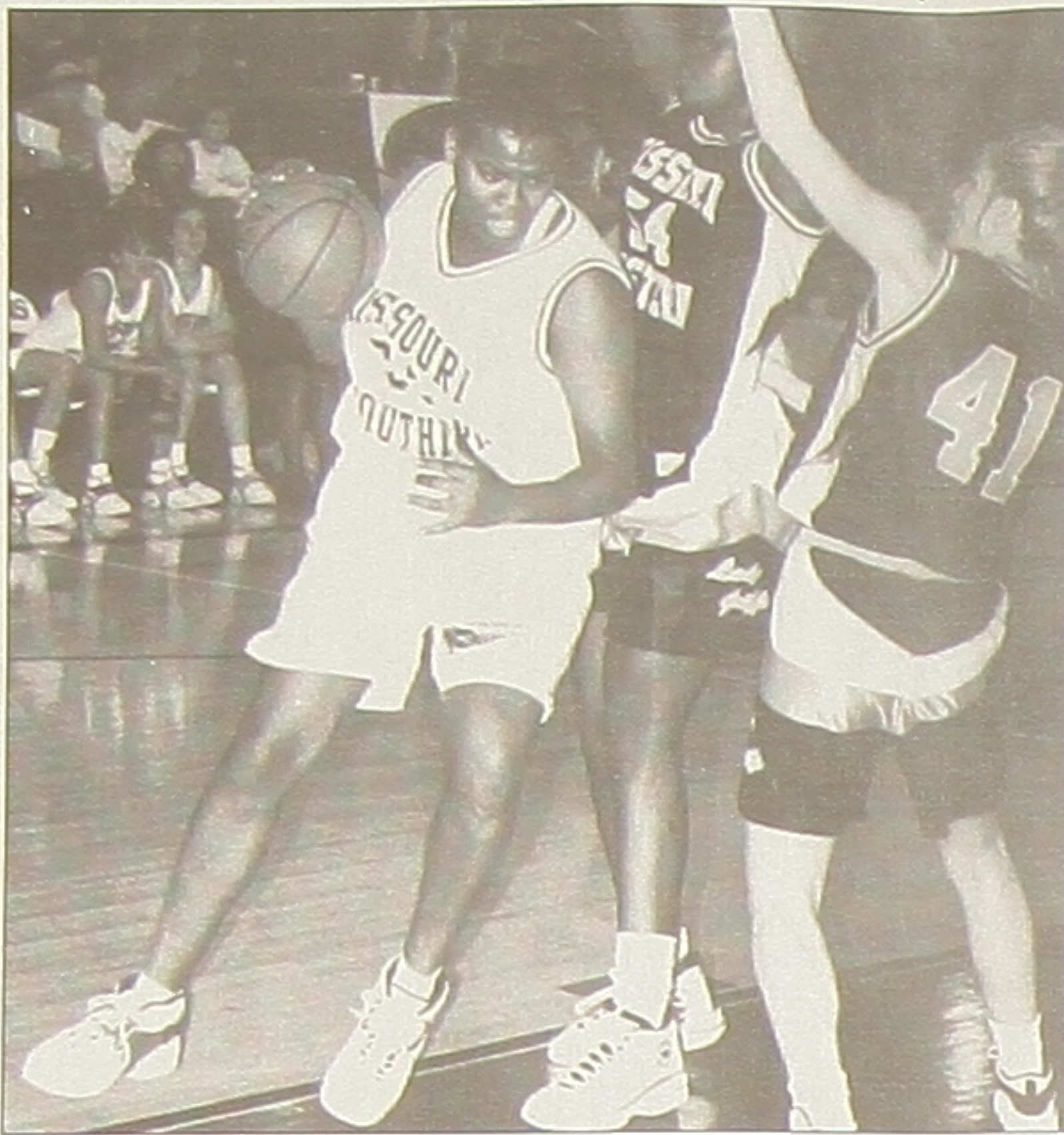
Lady Lion hoops:
Will the women's team make the MIAA playoffs?
Was Melissa Grider, former Lady Lion guard and NCAA Division II two-sport standout, really that good?
Is senior guard Nicole Heinz the spark this team desperately needs come crunch time?
Is junior guard KaTonya Samuels the next Sonya Harlin?
Will senior center Mandy Shaw ever catch a break from the injury bug?

Some wacky tidbits:
Will Lady Lion head coach Carrie Kaifes ever kick her chair farther than Corn can kick his?
Could that be an interesting halftime attraction?
Will I ever be the "Fan of the Game?"
Did the "Fan of the Game" recliner come out of men's athletic director Jim Frazier's basement?
Does the "Fan" get a kiss from the real Lady Lion?
Is Surge really that damn good?
Did Melvin Monet's size have anything to do with him getting his \$500 prize even though he shot at the wrong basket?
Do you have the answers to any of these questions? □

Rick Rogers

WOMEN'S BASKETBALL

Lady Lions fall to first-place Western



DEBORAH SOLOMON/The Chart

Senior guard Marie Scott drives the lane against MIAA conference leading Missouri Western Wednesday at Young Gymnasium. Scott finished with 15 points in the 76-55 loss.

Offensive boards prove only positive for Southern

By JASON OWEN
SPORTS EDITOR

Shooting a dismal 31 percent from the floor, the Missouri Southern Lady Lions fell to the Missouri Western Lady Griffons (12-3 MIAA, 18-5 overall) 76-55 Wednesday night at Young Gymnasium.

Southern (5-10, 10-12), shooting only 25 percent in the first half, led early in the game. At the 15:09 mark, however, Toni Wood's 3-pointer put the Griffons up by two, and they never looked back.

"We played hard," said Southern head coach Carrie Kaifes. "Our shots just wouldn't fall."

Kaifes said this game was not characteristic of the Lady Lions.

"It is really too bad, because we can shoot," she said. "I really think we were just trying too hard. This team wants to go to the playoffs bad, and they know they have to win to do it."

"We had a lot of shots that went up too hard. When you take a good shooter who is trying too hard, her shots will usually go up too hard. I think that is a lot of what happened tonight."

Senior guard Nicole Heinz, who looked to be a little tentative, said she was trying not to force things.

"I didn't want to push the ball too hard and cause a turnover," she said. "But we can use this as a good thing. We know that we have to try to be more patient and work the ball around more. We just have to take these next practices and improve."



■ Lions at Truman State,
3:30 p.m. Saturday, Kirksville, Mo.
■ Lions vs. Missouri-Rolla,
7:30 p.m. Wednesday, Young Gym

Despite the loss, Kaifes found a few positives in the game.

"We were really hustling out there tonight," she said. "We were all over the offensive boards tonight, which gave us a lot of second-chance opportunities. We just couldn't convert. I have never seen a team get more offensive boards than defensive. That really gives us something to work with."

Senior forward Marie Scott was pleased with Southern's effort.

"We really worked hard tonight," she said. "We had plenty of opportunities; we3 just couldn't make our shots."

Kaifes echoed Scott's thoughts.

"We really showed what kind of team we are tonight. We work hard, and we don't quit. I don't know if anybody else noticed it, but we did not quit." □

INDOOR TRACK

School record broken again

JOE ECKHOFF
STAFF WRITER

Another meet, another record. Two weeks ago, Doug Culver set a school record in the weight throw with a toss of 43-9 3/4. At the Central Missouri State meet last weekend, Lee Heinerikson beat that record with a toss of 44-3/4.

"Each week, it seems like Doug and Lee keep getting better," said coach Tom Rutledge.

Provisional qualifying marks were set by Ben Brainard with a 15-7 pole vault and Darelle Simmons with a 7.69 finish in the hurdles.

"Ben is doing this with basically no vaulting except for the meets," Rutledge said.

"If he could vault two or three times a week, he could compete for the championship."

The Central Missouri meet had a field of 28 teams, and Rutledge was pleased with his team's effort.

"Most people performed well; some stepped it up a notch," he said.

"For us to compete at the conference meet, the freshmen will have to pick up their performances more."

Lady Lion Heather Hoyle had a busy weekend running in four different races and placing in each event.

"Heather ran her legs off and responded quite well in each race," said Lady Lion coach Patty Vavra. "She had a busy and productive day."

The 600-yard run is not a regular track meet event, but is included in conference track competition. Lady Lion DaLana Lofland competed in the event and finished first.

"She (Lofland) is probably the most underrated runner on our squad," Vavra said.

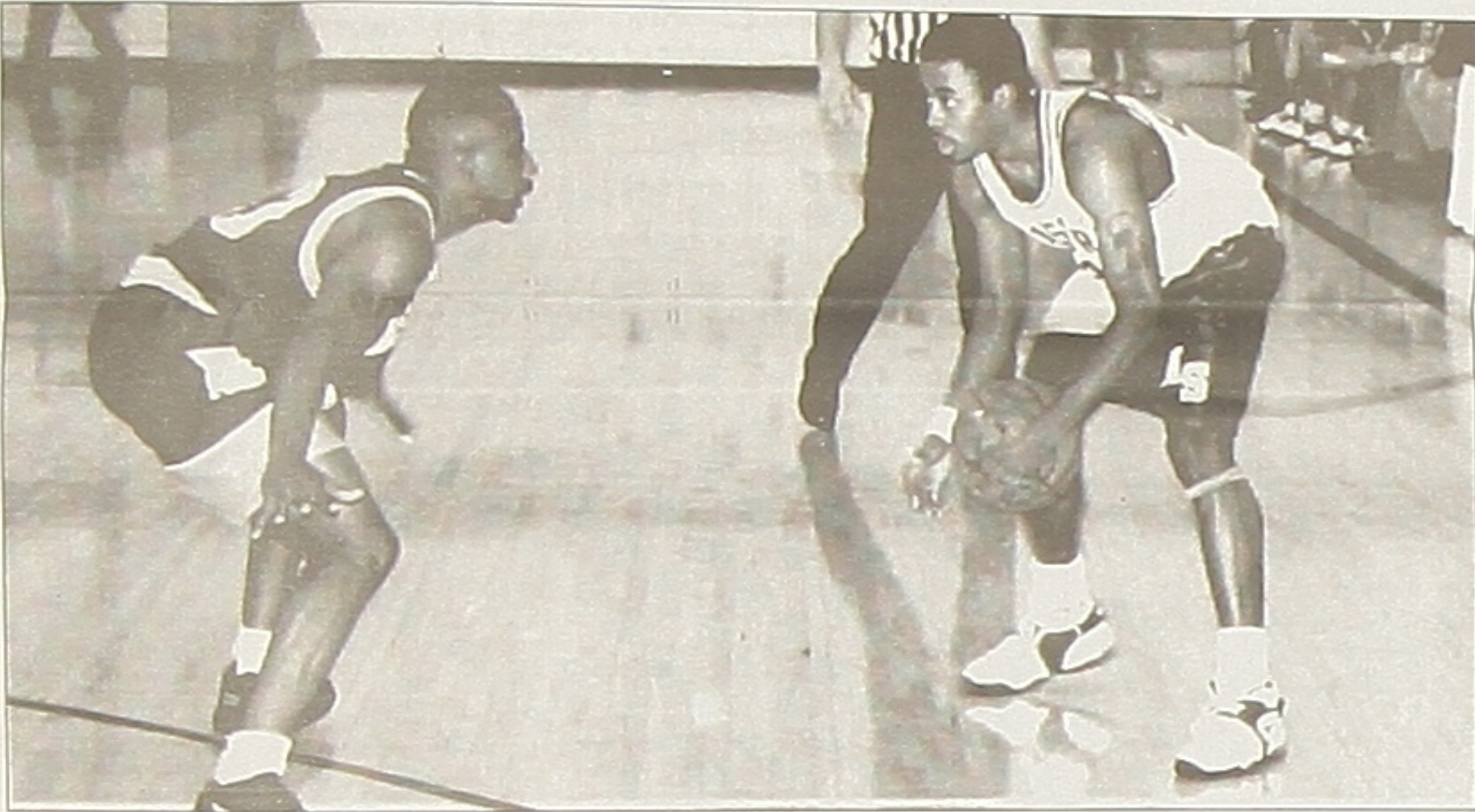
"She leads our workouts and does whatever we ask her to do."

Vavra said Angie Shea's first-place finish in the 800-meter run helped for a mental breakthrough.

"It was a great race for her because, after she was passed, she came back and recaptured the lead," Vavra said.

Both teams will run at Pittsburg State University this weekend. □

MEN'S BASKETBALL



TIM WILSON/The Chart

Sophomore guard Mario Phillips looks for an open teammate in the Lions' 77-73 loss to Missouri Western Wednesday night.

Turnovers prove fatal for Southern

By JASON OWEN
SPORTS EDITOR

After leading by as many as 15 in the first half, the Missouri Southern Lion basketball team (5-10 MIAA, 8-15 overall) dropped a key MIAA match-up to the Missouri Western Griffons (10-5, 16-7) Wednesday night at Young Gymnasium.

Turnovers were the name of the game as Southern lost the ball 23 times to Western's 14.

"We just gave the ball up too many times," said Robert Corn, head men's basketball coach.

"When you give it up, you lose offensive opportunities. That's what happened tonight."

Southern started the game on fire, taking the lead 20-5. The Griffons fought their way back, however, closing the deficit and

ending the first half down 35-31.

The second half was a different story as Western, behind a two-minute 9-0 run, went on to win the game 77-73.

"We came out in the second half and our intensity was way too low," said senior forward Greg Ray. "We came out the first half real high and played well. We just needed to carry that intensity throughout the second half."

"We go to Truman this Saturday, and it will be a huge game. We will have to play with much more intensity. It's going to be like an in-season playoff game."

Corn said the loss could also be attributed to a change in Western's defense.

"When we had the lead it was because we had a good transition game going. We came out in the second half and had trouble reading their defense, and that hurt us." □



■ Lady Lions at Truman, 1:30 p.m. Saturday, Kirksville, Mo.
■ Lady Lions at Rockhurst, 7:30 p.m. Monday, Kansas City
■ Lady Lions at Missouri-Rolla, 5:30 p.m. Wednesday, Young Gym

Southern Scoreboard

Men's Basketball

MIAA	MIAA Standings	MIAA Stats
Through Feb. 9	(Conf, Overall)	Scoring (per game)
1. Washburn	13-2, 18-7	1. Buie, Dan, Jr., WU - 23.8
2. Pittsburg State	10-4, 16-6	2. Turner, Orville, Sr., CMSU - 22.8
3. Central Missouri	10-5, 18-5	3. Keeler, Eric, Sr., MWSC - 19.5
4. Missouri Western	9-5, 15-7	4. Rivers, Antonio, Jr., CMSU - 18.3
5. Emporia State	8-6, 13-9	Rebounds (per game)
6. Northwest Missouri	7-7, 10-12	1. Pinder, Ian, Jr., SBU - 9.0
7. Missouri-Rolla	6-8, 14-8	2. Buie, Dan, Jr., WU - 8.8
8. Missouri Southern	5-9, 8-14	3. Harkess, Scott, So., ESU - 8.6
9. Truman State	4-10, 8-14	3-pointers made (percentage)
10. Southwest Baptist	4-10, 8-11	1. Holloway, Tim, Sr., UMR - 43.0
11. Lincoln University	2-12, 4-18	2. Massey, Michael, Sr., ESU - 42.6
		3. Sweet, John, Sr., WU - 41.73

Women's Basketball

MIAA	MIAA Standings	MIAA Stats
Through Feb. 9	(Conf, Overall)	Scoring (per game)
1. Missouri Western	11-3, 17-5	1. Kausalte, Aneta, Jr., ESU, 22.0
2. Central Missouri	11-4, 17-6	2. Olberding, Nikki, Jr., WU, 17.8
3. Washburn	10-5, 17-6	3. Scott, Marie, Sr., MSSC, 17.4
4. Pittsburg State	9-6, 16-6	4. Marr, Jenny, Sr., MWSC, 17.2
5. Emporia State	8-6, 15-7	Rebounds (per game)
6. Southwest Baptist	8-6, 14-8	1. Scott, Marie, Sr., MSSC, 10.2
7. Northwest Missouri	8-6, 12-10	2. Kausalte, Aneta, Jr., ESU, 8.9
8. Missouri Southern	5-9, 10-11	3. Marr, Jenny, Sr., MWSC, 8.6
9. Truman State	4-9, 9-13	3-point Percentage
10. Missouri-Rolla	3-10, 7-14	1. Jackson, Stephanie, Fr., MWSC, 40.5
11. Lincoln University	0-14, 4-17	2. Burkholder, Jessica, Jr., CMSU, 39.8
		3. Kausalte, Aneta, Jr., ESU, 38.9

The numbers and facts every Lion fan should know.

This Week

Friday —
■ Track at Pittsburg State University.
Saturday —
■ Track at Pittsburg State University.
■ Lady Lion Basketball at Truman State, 1:30 p.m., Kirksville, Mo.
■ Lion Basketball at Truman State, 3:30 p.m., Kirksville, Mo.
■ Lion Baseball at Northeastern State, 1 p.m., Tahlequah, Okla.
Monday —
■ Lady Lion Basketball vs. Rockhurst College, 5 p.m., Kansas City.
Wednesday —
■ Lady Lion and Lion Basketball vs. Missouri-Rolla, 5:30 & 7:30 p.m., Young Gymnasium.



JOHN SMITH/The Chart
Sophomore Amanda Harrison stretches her legs before track practice.

Going the Distance



By TRAVIS CAGLE
STAFF WRITER

Amanda Harrison is beginning to make herself known throughout the MIAA. Harrison, a sophomore middle distance runner for the women's track team, is currently fourth in the conference in the 1,600-meter run. She is seven seconds away from the qualifying provisional time for the national meet of 5:06.

Patty Vavra, Southern head women's track coach, is confident Harrison can run the time in one of the last two meets.

"If she improves the same as she has the last two weeks, anything is possible," Vavra said. "The 1,600 meters is her best race; it combines all her strengths, and she continues to get better every time she runs."

Vavra said Harrison has developed into quite a leader, going about her business without complaining.

"Sometimes it is hard to make yourself go to practice everyday," Harrison said. "But you just go to practice with the best attitude you can, run as hard as you can, and that's all you can do."

Track is not generally considered a team sport except for the support each runner gives one another. The mathematics education major said

it is easy to go out and work hard even when she has a bad day because there is always someone there to pick her up.

"My teammates motivate me, especially Sonia Blacketer," Harrison said. "If she wasn't there it would be very hard to get through most days."

"We talk about a lot of stuff while we're running, and it keeps my mind off the actual running."

In high school, Harrison was a multi-sport athlete. She played volleyball and basketball besides running track.

"My first love is volleyball, but I felt I needed more of a challenge," she said. "So I decided to run track because it is more individualized. It makes you work harder because if you don't you could end up in last place, whereas in a team sport if one person doesn't work as hard as everyone else it can be covered up."

Harrison, who holds a 3.95 grade-point average, has the same attitude in the classroom, where she was voted all-MIAA last semester.

"She is not only a talented athlete but an outstanding student," Vavra said. "She has an extremely high level of intensity and she puts high expectations on herself."

Harrison's motto is why do anything at all if you don't give it your very best.

"My parents have always brought me up to do everything the best I possibly can," she said. □

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COUPLE: Breaks language barriers

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in Russia for engineering because my mom is an engineer and the town I lived in was a more industrial town," she said. "I wanted to get a medical degree, but there was only one college in town, and it is really difficult to get a medical degree in Russia."

She said nursing would best fulfill her interest in helping others.

"I was surprised to find that here you can go to school at almost any age," Works said. "In Russia, you can't go to school after age 35."

Works said although she sometimes experiences homesickness, she enjoys living in Missouri.

"America is more open than Russia," she said. "Everyone here is so nice."

Because her native country is less friendly, she said having strangers smile at her took some getting used to. "Some people would smile and

say hello as they passed me," Works said. "I would ask, 'Do they know me? What are they smiling at me for?'"

She said her favorite pastimes are traveling, reading, and shopping.

"I could spend hours and hours looking in the shops at the mall," she said. "I was touching and looking at everything; it was all so new."

Comprehension of the English language, Works said, was one of her greatest hurdles.

"It was terrible. I could read it and write it, but I couldn't speak it," she said. "It's bad when you can't tell people what you want and you can't understand them."

Despite their 10-year age difference, Works said she and her husband are compatible.

"I think, because he is older and he's had more life experience, we get along better. We never fight, and he always understands when I'm homesick." □

HOLIDAY: Not celebrated by some

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"I kind of like the old stand-by: a candlelight dinner, cooked by him at his house, with just a single rose and some quiet music in the background would be nice," she said.

So why is every Feb. 14 set aside especially for those in love?

Many Southern couples aren't celebrating on Valentine's Day, but not because they don't want to. Matt Still, junior CADD major, and Donna Davis, junior art major, have been going out for "a year and three or four months," Davis said.

"We'd really like to be together on Valentine's Day, but we both have to

work," she said. "We don't worry too much about it, though, because it's the two of us that make being together special, not the day."

"We make every day special," Still added.

Valentine's Day does hold special memories for many students, especially those who are married.

"I remember the first Valentine's Day my husband and I spent together," said Robin McAlester, junior communications major. "We had just started going out in high school, and we went to Pizza Hut and got a heart-shaped pizza. It makes me sentimental, but I want to go somewhere else this year." □

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John Jacobs, a member of the motivational group Power Team, rips two Missouri license plates in half to show his brute strength and his will toward God during a presentation at Calvary Baptist Church in Joplin Friday. Jacobs began the Power Team concept 18 years ago hoping his message could reach people who have not yet found God.

JOHN SMITH/The Chart

FEEL THE POWER

Motivational speakers pack a punch for God

By JOHN SMITH
DIRECTOR OF PHOTOGRAPHY

The walls didn't exactly come tumbling down, but cement bricks were shattered and wood was splintered when the Power Team took over the pulpit at Calvary Baptist Church in Joplin Feb. 5-9.

The Power Team, founded 18 years ago by John Jacobs, has found a way to open doors for those who have never yearned for the hand of God.

“If I showed up here with my suit and tie how many people do you think would come out and hear what I have to say.”

Barry Handley
Senior member of the Power Team

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Calvary Baptist did not have to pay for all the supplies needed. Some area businesses donated materials, and both church members and nonmembers donated time just to be a part of the event.

“We don't charge the churches a fee necessarily, but we do require them to purchase all the materials needed for the show,” Handley said.

With an audience of nearly 2,000 every night, the Power Team used more than 1,000 cement blocks, 60 baseball bats, several steel bars, and hundreds of pounds of ice.

“This has been a very good experience for our church, but I don't think it could be an annual thing,” Allee said.

“But maybe in four or five years we could do it again.” □



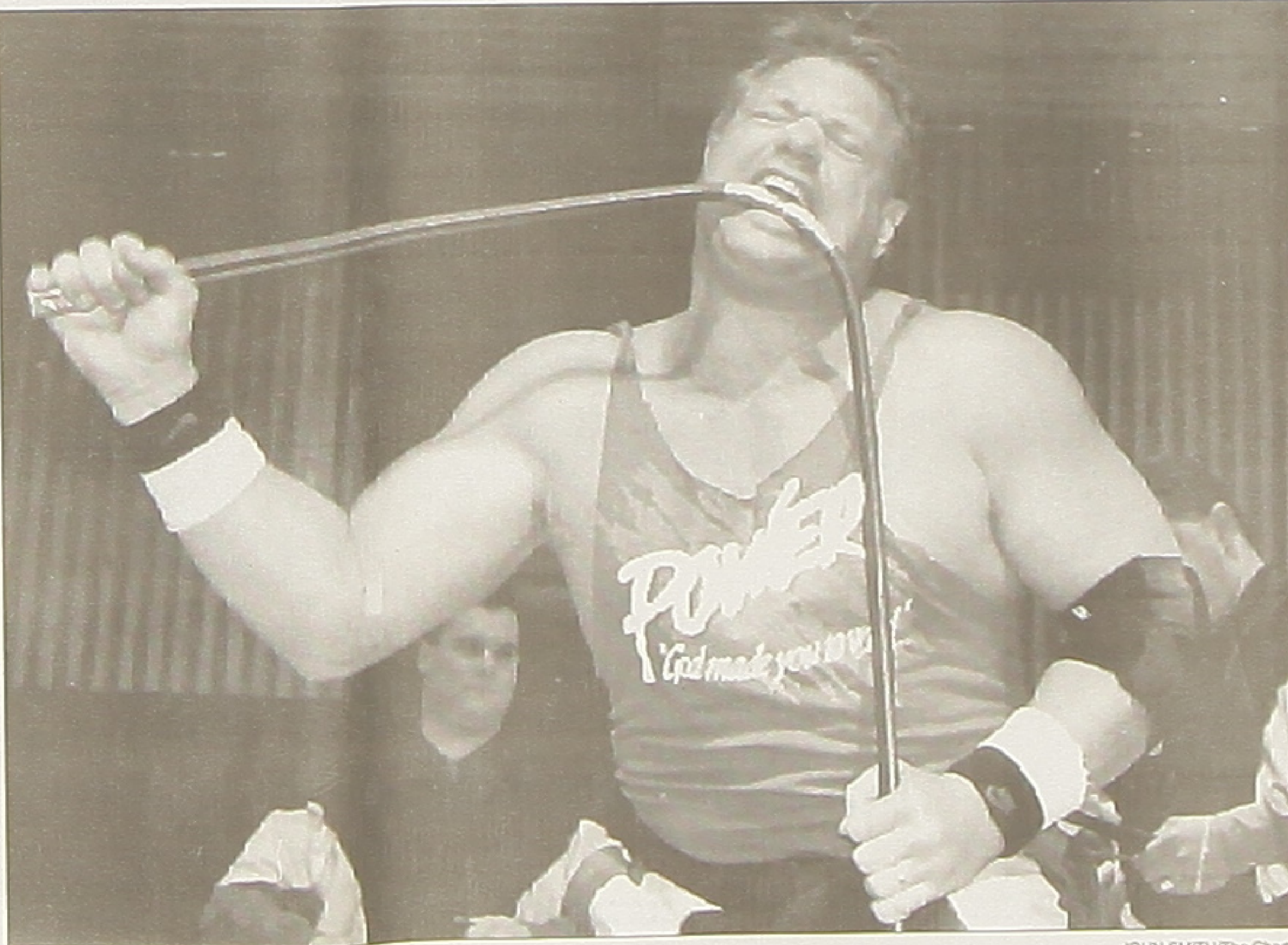
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ABOVE: Keenan Smith, a Power Team member, uses his fist as a hammer to force nails into a board held sturdy by concrete blocks. The group uses these types of activities to attract people to their message.

LEFT: Jeff Neal, a block-crushing member of Power Team, shows off the power of his vicious elbows by snapping a stack of six concrete slabs in half during a stunt show at the Calvary Baptist Church in Joplin. The cost of bringing the Power Team to Joplin was \$40,000, which included the actual shows and visits to 10 area schools. Area businesses donated some of the supplies for the shows.



JOHN SMITH/The Chart

Keenan Smith uses his fists, his muscles — and his teeth — to bend a bar during the Power Team's program at Calvary Baptist Church.